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MONDAY JANUARY 1

Alex left at 8 o'c. and C & I went up to London by 9.18 train. Very cold.. C. in taxi to Dorchester: & I to office in 87 bus. Looked at accumulated letters etc. Talk Mr West. Dictated a few letters & gave Miss C. and Xmas cards to be sent to Charing + hospital. Call fr. Victor Jones now a steward or something in the Navy which is not what he wanted. Lunch Ath. and hair-cut. Back to office and long call from Mr Agar. Signed letters. Back to Dorchester for tea. C. went to see Alfreda. Found Baby had just been circumcised but seemed all right and his nose has improved. Went to bed and slept for an hour. Then down to dinner and met Ld. Swinton in lift and introduced him to C. After dinner Lionel Woolley took C up to see Lady W and she stayed till 11.30. I went to bed and slept

[illegible] this Dunn Camera in

TUESDAY JANUARY 2

2 cricket bombs in night practically same time [illegible] near and [illegible] far. No apples at Spearing. Office 10.30. C. is having [illegible] [illegible] office [illegible] declined [illegible] Tel. for appointment [illegible] tonight. Tel Salomons about apples. Olive called and all about H. Cuneo Cannes to whom they [illegible] made [illegible] and [illegible] not failing to try to have [illegible] brown coat made to fit. [illegible] To Salvage and got some nice apples. Fruit luncheon at desk. Talk [illegible] who says [illegible] for St. [illegible] should be £8000. Went round to [illegible] but closed. Worked on letter to Mrs Studdert Kennedy. Home with C. back from seeing A at hospital and [illegible] [illegible] Dinner with Oliphants and sat up till 2 going over copy with

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3

To bed at 2 o'c. Poor C. has
not been able to settle down.
Up 7.15. Office 10.15.
Talk W[illegible] about Wiffen's
limited edition and Mr. Green-
[illegible] who came in. Long
talk Mr Fechnock about
his Fire Service and future
plans as to collecting the
numbers and he ought to have
[illegible] away. Worked
on Stanhope [illegible] letter.
Call fr. Alix re: Chrysopher's
[illegible] for her little
finger. Lunch C. S. &
Frieda at Ritz Grill. Saw
Simon & Violet Asquith [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible] luncheon
and a bottle of [illegible] wine.
Called Beard & offered 10,000
for 6? Russell St. freehold
no 10. Not likely to be accepted.
W. Gross about Children's [illegible]
Home [illegible] Mr. C. D. [illegible], S[illegible]
drunk with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] really intelligent. Talk
Robertson's. [illegible] about

[illegible] Partner [illegible]

THURSDAY JANUARY 4

Woke at 6 hrs. usual [illegible]
Patent. Took a Planacrin [illegible]
and felt better [illegible]
and slept till 8.20. Breakfast
and [illegible]. Office 12 o'c. [illegible]
[illegible]. Suggestion sixth
[illegible]. [illegible]
draft letter to Sir [illegible] about
[illegible] etc Bonds. [illegible]
luncheon 2.30 Read a dull Indian
novel. Signed letters. Tea and
off to Victoria soon after 4.30. [illegible]
Called on Bevan and offered
10,000 for 107 but he said
owners were wanted and [illegible]
furniture but I said nothing
doing. Met E. on train. She
had had luncheon with [illegible]
Osborne. Alix and her friend
Toni Swift were on train and
joined us at Amberley. Mr. B.
had bought [illegible] white [illegible]
for E. and had [illegible]
say she has changed. [illegible]
E & I had slight [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

# FRIDAY JANUARY 5

Times thinks Greek situation still mishandled. Up 7.15 [illegible] deepest bath [illegible]. Breakfasted w. G. about 10 o'C. Read papers. Out to see [illegible] [illegible] have been helping [illegible] [illegible] new [illegible] and plumbing in cottage but have made a start on floor of stairs. Got out 3rd old black & white pictures for bath room. G. and I very [illegible] busied in cottage. Hunted for flower pictures that I got out [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. After lunch. Plugged holes in cottage bath room wall for hanging mirrors with cement and plastering pieces. G. to rest and I worked writing draft letter to Courtenay + N.P. Back w. letter to Peter. Paid bills etc. Alis & Toni to tea. Then I w. draft letter to Kenneth Robinson. Drink before dinner. Spent much time keeping up fires in dining room, hall and sitting room. Nanki came back fr. London, says much rocket bombs. After dinner listened to radio news & music. Read papers. Greek situation criticised in Times.

SATURDAY JANUARY 6

up 7 o'c and woke Tim who was going to 8 o'c Twelfth Night mass with the Ourth Catholics. Letter fr. Belknap for Terrier Association and wrote to 84 names of people given W. for mass 3 o'c [illegible]. Built up fires as usual. Down to village for stamps & wages money. Paid men. Over to cottage wi. C. and put up mirror and pictures in bath-room. Told Letty to have Tim clean gutters. Told Charley to order a small [illegible] ladder for me to keep upstairs to open trap. [illegible] Lettie complained of disorder left by Alex in cottage getting worse and I gave him hell. Papers making great [illegible] of Montgomery's [illegible] command over American northern army. After lunch worked on draft letters for [illegible] and one to James MacGibbon in Washington up to tea-time. Slept in chair. Drinks & changed for dinner. After dinner listened to [illegible] music and [illegible] and read Schriftgiesser's "[illegible] fr. Massachusetts" the life of Senator Lodge. Well written and gives a good picture

SUNDAY JANUARY 7
Slept late. up at 8.40. C's bath
drain in my bath-room but water
hot so I had my bath in hers
while Mrs Sink did my room.
After breakfast [illegible] left for Church
and I wound clocks. Over to
Cottage where C. was emptying
sitting room cupboard with N[illegible]
I hunted for three flower pictures
and then C. and [illegible] [illegible].
They went to London with furniture
which is probably [illegible]. Reg's
papers. A great talk about
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. After luncheon I worked
all afternoon on letter to [illegible]
about income tax and all that.
Took Sherry [illegible] back to
Major Kirkham. Tea w. C. &
girls. Mr Gurr returned to
Cottage. Fixed up [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] she can [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
Put away things C. brought fr. cottage.
Weather milder & rain [illegible] afternoon.
After dinner quite happy.
Mrs Scarlett [illegible] [illegible]. W.
Comment [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] her [illegible]. Details

MONDAY January 8

Bed early last night but disturbed by loud noises and slept badly. Woken by Mrs S. 6.45. got up. Alix left her ring in bath room. Clear grey morning with sky full of jet propelled air-craft. Alix, Toni and Nannie up to London. Car pr. Saffron. Alix [illegible] to Ashley. Nannie coming back [illegible] in [illegible]. [illegible] and her baby. I sat alone in front carriage and did my [illegible] accounts for December. [illegible] Alix [illegible] all [illegible] in [illegible] and [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] Paddington. 57 bus to office. [illegible] a cake for tea. [illegible] letters to copy. Dictated [illegible] [illegible] report [illegible] "[illegible]" "[illegible]" [illegible] American [illegible]. [illegible] lunch at desk. Then [illegible] [illegible] rocket bombs and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] some [illegible] [illegible] Easter and Angel. [illegible] illustrations for [illegible] [illegible] 5.4 home. [illegible] dinner. Evening [illegible] photographs

TUESDAY Jan. 9. Woke 6 o'c. Had got to bed 12.30 last: dry snow walking to station. Mrs Buckmaster and Sergeant Mathias spoke of affiliation; but I gave little response in return; W. [illegible] about keeping children in London during bombing. W. Tom. W. Philip about Peter's return; W. Sidney about his marriage. Thought last night of [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] London but a ship [illegible] which [illegible] to bed. To office by underground as usual but no bombs all day; spent day placing illustrations in [illegible] Ballet book. Lunch at desk. Signed letters. Hard snow all day. Home 5.30 train late. Thick snow on road home. 8 pm. baby bathed by Brian and Nannie says like his mother. [illegible] did not feel down. After dinner read papers. Tories divided against government on Greece.

WEDNESDAY January 10

In bed last night 12.15. Woke 6 o'c. Up 6.40. Several inches of snow but freezing so I did not get wet in my snow-boots. White landscape - like New England. I felt better as I walked. Rode in train to Victoria. Went on with [illegible] & clearing my desk. Fruit luncheon in office w. Miss Sutherland. W. I rang Riverfield asking them to dinner. Expected Peter and Alix but they have not appeared. Home 5.4 stopping at Lost Property Office to ask about my [illegible] left in train this morning. Not found - serious loss. Ground still frozen so did not get my feet wet. In room. [illegible] Brian arriving in same train. Nannie gave E. all the news. Letter fr. Cousin [illegible] staying till Thursday. Read [illegible]

THURSDAY January 11

Clock striking 4 woke me and
I did not sleep again. Depressed
about the future. [illegible], Alfreda
Brian going business — [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Ground [illegible]
[illegible] to station [illegible] [illegible].
M & Matheis joined [illegible] in train
as far as O'Leary. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] got on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
to find [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
I left [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
again at Coat [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Office at 11.15. Tel Paddy about
[illegible] [illegible] won act. [illegible]
[illegible] all morning but they
had not come in at 1.30.
Out and got a loaf of [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and had [illegible] [illegible] at
[illegible]. Worked [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] novel of English [illegible] in
Ireland. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
107 [illegible] St. Might pay £11 [illegible]. [illegible]
5.4. Brian & Alfreda [illegible] [illegible] with
sherry, cake & candles. Tel. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]

Friday January 12th

Dull [illegible] day. Slept well. Up 8 o'c. [illegible] [illegible]. Breakfast 9.45. Tel. [illegible] [illegible] dinner Wednesday. Tel. [illegible] to call Sunday [illegible] Peter [illegible] health certificate [illegible] [illegible] back to school. [illegible] Peter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] made up fires. W. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] lunch [illegible] together. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] who [illegible] last night & [illegible] had to get up at 6. to go [illegible] & [illegible] had to [illegible] his breakfast. W. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a Paddington. Out to [illegible] men. [illegible] & [illegible] have finished half of [illegible] concrete floor. Put [illegible] for [illegible] supposed [illegible] in studio and fitted up lamp [illegible] chest by front door. Put papers away and [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]. Tea with [illegible]. Nap in chair & waiting for Peter & [illegible] and [illegible] after 7.30 they arrived having [illegible] their luggage [illegible] station [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] clothes & [illegible] and [illegible] after dinner [illegible] papers. [illegible]

SATURDAY January 13th

up 8 o'c. Good hot bath but
B greatly fair. She and I had
breakfast 9.45. Mr Searle called
and we talked & completed
plumbing in cottage. It seems
that Brian brought his mother
down last night and then left
again this morning. Down to
Lymm for money & stamps.
Paid men & told Nurse to help
Charly next week with prunings.
Down to town again & got cakes
and apples at store. Had beer
and stout at Black Horse
and ordered big basket of fir[?]
Mrs. Stemp having the Scotch[?]
drink. Nannie better but still
very weak. A. over to see Sib.
After lunch got out Friar's Balsam
and inhaler for Alix tonight. Put
paints for Peter's room in Studio. Took
from Meltonian[?] book, & then gave [illegible]
Desmond to Alfredo. Gave Alix my
old mouth-wash cup. Took [illegible]
out of fire place. Tidied up Peter's drawers
and found by Cinema. Packed away things
in his room. Tea 5.30[?]. Gave Alix
Stamped Insurance Cards. Drinks. After dinner

SUNDAY January 14

Up 9 o'c. Fairly bright cold day
Breakfast with C. Now Alix
has a sore throat but says her
Chest is better. Wound clocks.
Read papers. Nathaniel Gubbins his
famed philosophies in ~~daily~~ Sunday
Express. C. told rather [illegible]
Dr [illegible] deacon called to see C. [illegible]
and Alix and to sign Peter's health
certificate for return to school.
Gave him glass of sherry. When
he had gone I made a gin and
sarsaparilla for C. and me.
Luncheon with Peter and Alix.
After I clipped nails toe and
finger. Cut moustache, eye-
brows and hairs in ears. Then
worked on Lionel Edwards a bit
and then had a very bad cut
headache came through [illegible]
add [illegible] to see Nannie. C. came down
and joined them in great good humour
[illegible] C. laughing loudly. Tea with
Alix and Peter. C. upset Alix:
they quarrelled about washing up.
W. Cameron. W. Sisley. Supper. After
dinner News. Music. Peter packing.
Cards Alix [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]

Monday JANUARY 15th

Up 7 o'c. Bath ex. Told
butler & Jim to keep up fires in
hall only. Gave Charlie 10/- tip for
several mins. C. & I & Peter off in
Jaggers car & up to London. Black
miniature poodle in carriage.
C. in taxi to Dorchester. Peter &
I to office. Then on to Original
Tailors & got his Marlborough suit
[illegible] C at glass at Hunter
Reid. Back to office. Joined by
Peter in half an hour and he
lunched me. C & Mousey at
Dorchester. Peter smoked a cigarette.
C. made scene because Mousey
was late. Peter & I to Burgess
& had his hair cut. I went to
Att. & tried to get Economist
Dec 30 no. and American [illegible]
but copy lost. Back to office &
soon joined by Peter who soon
left for Anglo-[illegible] after appt. with
Goodbye. Signed a few letters, then
to Dorchester. C. in [illegible] but did
not want tea as she was having
drink with Pat [illegible] at 6. [illegible]
tea down stairs. [illegible]. After
[illegible]

TUESDAY January 16

up 7.15. G. is coughing a good deal. G and [illegible] my [illegible] Situation in [illegible] being [illegible] Office 10.30 [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible]. W. [illegible]. W.O. [illegible]. Tel. [illegible] Zaharoff. Tel. from Miss Austin [illegible] [illegible]. Took [illegible] 5 [illegible] to Brighton. A. N. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Lunch [illegible]. Tel Waterford [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Anderson. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. W. Captain [illegible] who [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Read [illegible] [illegible]. G had [illegible] [illegible] who is very sympathetic about [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] all right. [illegible] [illegible] 5.0 13. [illegible] [illegible] dinner. Gladys [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] G. at [illegible] [illegible]. Dinner G. & I alone. Spent evening talking [illegible] [illegible]. G & I had drinks. Bed at 12.30.

WEDNESDAY January 17th

Dorchester. up 7:20.
C. telephoned Dennis - she & Mrs S. are better but doctor is keeping Alix at home till Sunday. Office 10.30. Routine. Long talk with Mrs Francis & worked on adv. for Pub. Co.
Lunch Claridge's C. & Hugh & Maud Wyndham. Jag at Connaught Rooms with D. M. about Cricket. Then left early for Wyndham Quin wedding.
To Mrs. Smith's and had discussion about getting down shipments in Fleet.
Back to office and signed letters and finished Pub. Co. adv. Tea at office
Back to Dorchester & rested
Then Violet L. to dinner. Talked afterwards with Robertsons. Then Violet left and Henry Crathy joined us. Arnold talked against Old Testament because of his anti-Semitism ... Then Robertsons left

[right margin, vertical:] I talked about (?) there

THURSDAY January 18th

Dorchester, up 7.30 Packed
off in 10.45 Morning Reuters
cable to Macmillan agreeing to
continue direct for use of his
private information but our
agent Makin, Saunders, Syme
has appropriated funds belonging
to one of their authors (I believe
Margaret Mitchell author
Gone with Wind translations) & W.
Bennett circling Times rumour.
Train to Taplow fr. Paddington
12.13 and bus fr. Slough
[illegible] to Mrs Best of Pat
kennels. Saw [illegible]
puppies. Bought a [illegible] Pat
for Mrs Sutherland, may call
him Pat. 2 months old. Dear
little puppy. Took him to bus
wrapped in [illegible], cheered
in a [illegible] of train ride & [illegible]
kept him dry (but having wet
[illegible] but not cold. Taxi fr.
Paddington to Dorchester, [illegible]
[illegible] who was [illegible]
staff all interested. Taxi to Victoria
[illegible] Philippines. Pat slept but
moved at end & [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Friday, up 8.30. No bath.
January 1935 Made up fires and
had breakfast with Q. 10 o'c
settled down down to read
Lewis's [illegible] on [illegible]
Shrimp & Salmon. Drops in
quotations 3 1st vol. in first
chapter of [illegible]. They
are. But he evidently has
never gone down so well.
Q. reading paper and I trying to
work. Mrs. Garland has been
characteristically [illegible]
about puppy though she evidently
loves it. Again came out
with her father saying that
[illegible] not let puppy have
all the attention. I got up and
looked at it and made a
few interested remarks which
G. showing she didn't think I
had done enough. Took dog into
house and shut gate. Later came
back and made a scene
because I had not paid enough
attention. Afternoon [illegible] to
[illegible] for me [illegible]
[illegible] day. [illegible]
[illegible] lunch and [illegible]
[illegible] Viola called [illegible]

Saturday January 20th [illegible]
Cold bright day. Up 7.30. Called
Alix and gave her my bath [illegible]
Dinner to [illegible] from [illegible] had
stamps. Paid [illegible] and put them all
on to [illegible] [illegible] in shed on
the hay. J. [illegible] that [illegible] has
[illegible]. Back to sitting-room where
I found C. with Pax. Mrs Scotland has
given him up. Says he is too much
trouble and goes for [illegible] [illegible]
but really I think it is [illegible] [illegible]
from [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
Sat on. C. & [illegible] Pax. [illegible] glad
to have him. C. & I took him [illegible]
walk behind cottage — [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]. Mrs [illegible] came
and [illegible] Pax. After lunch W. Mrs
Bent and others [illegible] [illegible] about
Billingshurst. W. Mrs Carruthers. Pax
stayed about in [illegible] on my [illegible] all
the afternoon. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Pax
and took Alix home to tea. [illegible]
[illegible] in South [illegible]. C. & I [illegible] [illegible]
very [illegible]. Read Hartley's [illegible]
Bell and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Down [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]. C.
[illegible] [illegible] to Alix. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Alix came down

Sunday JANUARY 21st.

Had Peter in my room in basket with bottle-neck & and anxiety to keep him in. Came here around 9 woke last thing and at 5:30 he started whining. I turned on light and he got out and made 2 puddles on carpet etc. I cleaned up. Then he went to sleep and I tried to. In an hour or so he cried again and I took him into bed and he nestled against my neck and slept again. Started and thought long then [illegible]. Decided to make a lid for basket or lattice to let in air. Didn't take long. Breakfast 9.30. Wound clocks. Started to make basket lid. [illegible] Church. After asked Vicar if he had a book on Women of Old Testament thinking of Widow for brother-in-law['s] [illegible]. He said he had book on Bible Characters by Alexander Whyte and came round to house and stayed ½ hour - gave one a [illegible] for [illegible]. Showed him Papers. He knew all about Bedlington [illegible] Newcastle days. Went on with lid. Alix left for London with [illegible] after lunch. I finished lid and other jobs. Read [illegible]. She thinks [illegible]. Read [illegible] Finished [illegible] after dinner.

MONDAY January 22nd

Paxal in my room in closed basket howled off and on all night. Bath [illegible] by my [illegible]. Took him out immediately after his breakfast but could not make him perform. Shut him up again in basket [illegible] hours. Left C. to deal with him. Cold and fight [illegible] on ground. Posted in train. C at apple in Covent Garden & paid charges for Quick [illegible] stuff Xmas. Kept [illegible] 7 head at [illegible]. apples long [illegible] 7 [illegible]. [illegible] about happy C. engaged [illegible]. Letter from Mrs C. [illegible] happened at back but friendly. Paid lunch. Afternoon W. Spoke about a dentist. Bunny of Bloomsbury Square .6.4 Train home. Cut the [illegible]. Cured dog a [illegible] light. C. had [illegible] Paxal quiet well all day and tried him asleep on her lap. New [illegible] and Tiffany arrived had been at Dudley [illegible] with [illegible] Scotland. Kept him Paxal out [illegible] but he would not do anything. After dinner [illegible] and music and played with Paxal. [illegible]. Mrs Patrick [illegible] copy of [illegible] Paxal was quiet all night but when C. came up to bed at 12 he started [illegible] [illegible]

TUESDAY January 23rd

I found I could make Barge sleep by holding his head under and I stopped him before [illegible] and he would have [illegible] all night — nearly [illegible] to bed at 5 o'c [illegible] I successfully arranged a little drop. It was [illegible] for an [illegible] [illegible] after [illegible] and he [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible] program [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mrs. Scarlyn. Evelyn [illegible] [illegible] Evelyn has [illegible] a [illegible]. Went [illegible] [illegible] and spent [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] Benny [illegible] at 3.30 [illegible] jacket. Sent L. Edwards copy of [illegible] Stair [illegible] Cole [illegible] [illegible] back from [illegible] on bus to [illegible] for 5.4. [illegible] [illegible]. Evelyn [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] letter. Walked home in [illegible] white snow and moonlight. Jeffries waited up dinner. I spoke to him before about [illegible] Graham. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

WEDNESDAY January 24th

Paxes did not [illegible] that night but he made a fuss in the morning when I got up although I had tried to make him [illegible] on a [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] o'clock. I [illegible] [illegible] Mrs Scanland when I [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Mrs. Jeffries [illegible] a message [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] Mrs Scanland [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Talk [illegible] Matthew on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Stopped at [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] at 10. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and Mrs Quigly [illegible] 2 apples [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]. Copied out [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Washington Read [illegible] [illegible] before I [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] Mr [illegible] [illegible] 9.30 I [illegible] read [illegible] [illegible] as my eyes [illegible] and I am not sure that [illegible] is not increasing. [illegible] day [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Paxes [illegible] [illegible] getting [illegible] [illegible]

THURSDAY January 25th.
Intensely cold with dry hard frost thick on ground and trees. Pixel slept like a top and purred on his newspaper when I got up and again after my bath. Most beautiful scene as I walked to station with trees white on way. Saw G. W. Peters in train. To bank. Q's office Waterloo but my [illegible] not there. Got bread & cigarettes. Spent most of morning writing to [illegible] & Macmillans about Oxford Journals. Kellie came in about plans etc. She seemed immensely improved. Read [illegible] most [illegible] [illegible] practically unarmed. [illegible] telephoned about carpets. Says they have been given but not just as I instructed. Fruit-luncheon. Mr West paid bill for Royle who has just [illegible]. Started [illegible]. Sent copy to L. Edwards. W. draft letters. Dedi. First print novel. Home 5:4. Found Q. in a state of collapse because in opening big front door for Mr Cooper to leave she caught Pixel's leg and he cried wildly & she thought it was broken. Also upset because Mrs C. had disturbed her writing. Great effort for dinner in time. Evening read [illegible]

FRIDAY January 26

Paxer got me up about 6:30 good day again cramped but had twice during morning, I was not quick enough, bowel did carry day. Made up fires, out in [illegible]. Wood [illegible] again. Humphy and Hennes started on second half of concrete fence for [illegible] [illegible] telephoned G. [illegible] to go to play with her.. Mended [illegible] the laundry basket. Out for walk w. G. whose leg is better in this cold weather. Took Puschi who was frightened by geese. G. passed [illegible] [illegible] and they asked her in for a drink. I came home w. Paxel. He was three times bad no. 1 and once No 2. after lunch. Not beginning this house. better G. rested and I worked in consulting [illegible] [illegible], Frank's statement G. by tea. Then worked on accounts till 6.30. Short nap in chair until [illegible] arrived. G. thought him improved and quieter. Burrell of W. St. and President of W. for this term. She went to [illegible] [illegible] & G. [illegible] had a drink. After dinner [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

# SATURDAY January 27

Peter was quiet all night and only
started to chirp at 6.30. I got up soon
after and got him to whistle this mind
[illegible] his newspaper. Breakfast at 8.45
and then put him out in [illegible] [illegible]
he did a lovely no. 2. Alice took him
for a walk. Walked up [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
I got stamps, [illegible] money. Spoke to Caroline
about Laddy and [illegible] about [illegible]
[illegible] the stand. and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Got some dubbin for my old
skiing boots that I was wearing. Paid
men all at work [illegible] [illegible]
Spoke to Charley about [illegible] said [illegible]
that his friend wants to read. Spent
a great deal of time training Peter
who made only one misplaced pool all
day. Stamped cards and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
insurance stamp. Kept up fires. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. After [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Peter to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
Shirts and other clothes were coming [illegible]
[illegible] on the bill [illegible] [illegible]. Alice and I
[illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] while we
[illegible] up [illegible] in the [illegible] in spite of
[illegible] [illegible]. We purchased a good [illegible]
chopped [illegible] and ate [illegible] [illegible]
After tea [illegible] in chair by fire with
Peter on my knee. [illegible] [illegible]
before dinner. [illegible] Alice was [illegible]
[illegible]. After dinner read papers.
Took Peter out [illegible] with good results

SUNDAY January 28 SNOW

Pax woke and whined at 4.30 and I took him out into a snowy outside [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] till 7.30 when I took him back again. Up about 8 washed [illegible] [illegible]. Breakfast w. C. 9.45 [illegible] [illegible]. Took Pax at out [illegible]. Made up fire. Read papers. Worked on C. Edwards. Think I can make a book of it. Down to [illegible] with Pax in my coat & [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]. No meat [illegible] as [illegible] [illegible] treatment. After lunch. Alex out [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] on [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by Pax. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] and then [illegible] him up [illegible] it [illegible] I [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] village children [illegible] in [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as [illegible]. Tea w. C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at the [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] to [illegible] but C. [illegible] my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] play as I understand [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] we talked till dinner. After dinner [illegible] – [illegible] came [illegible].

MONDAY January 29

Paxei made little sounds at 4.45 but when I spoke to him he settled down for rest of night. Alex [illegible] to London 7.0 train. Spoke to Jeffreys about putting Paxei's food on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] who was [illegible] at dinner last night when [illegible] in putting [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] not use my eyes. [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] etc. [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] and had [illegible] lunch. Cut Peter's leather [illegible] box and sent it to him for his birthday. Signed letters. [illegible] Went [illegible] [illegible] copy of [illegible] Task [illegible]. [illegible] Mrs [illegible] in train back from dentist. Cold walk home but wind has turned South. S. has made a little progress training Paxei. After dinner read family letters [illegible] [illegible] Margaret [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in their [illegible]. Rubbed skiing shoes [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] again. Read paper. Paxei [illegible] bottle [illegible] filled

TUESDAY January 30th

Parker up 4.30 and finish office duties. Open top window. Stayed with Jo and Had walk to Station against wind. Felt dizzy & nervous in a.k. [illegible]. Met Frank Pepper. Pastor of train [illegible] exhausted. Left very late. T.C. salesman for apples and got orange. Offices. Call Dr. Stiles. Tel. [illegible] Tailor and [illegible] him fitted ill. W. H. S. [illegible] re Damage Claim. W. Cox about [illegible] Gregory. Out and got Cater for [illegible]. Fruit lunch. T.C. [illegible] Beckwith that my [illegible] 107 [illegible] has been accepted. [illegible] Marion Saunders and Cox. Mr West- [illegible] me jacket of Tom McB's [illegible] badly reproduced. Home by 5:[illegible] train. Walked home [illegible] melting snow. After dinner read papers & listened to [illegible] and news. Russians nearing Berlin. [illegible] reach [illegible] 12 [illegible] army [illegible] 3 days. Germans [illegible] Canada.

Wednesday JANUARY 31st
warm and damp snow almost
gone. Turned Peter over to Mrs
Scarland. walked to station in S.
boots. C. followed in car from
Turner's. Rushed in train, and taxi
for C. who went to have his hair
done and then had lunch at his
club with Henry Grattan and went
with him to Daphne du Maurier's
play. I took 11 bus to Covent
Garden but couldn't get any
apples. Bought blue links for
C. to give Peter for his birthday
today. Got bowl to make
scraps of tasty bread for Peter
when he is good. Worked
checking Royal Newmarket
proof. Fruit lunch. Went on
w/ Royal Newmarket. Long
call fr. Mongolus. Someone
has given him money so
he has given up his work in [illegible]
[illegible] Bank and is writing his
autobiography. Home w/ C 5.30
[illegible]

THURSDAY February 1st

Paxi quiet all night. Took him out at 6.45. Mild windy morning. Wore ski-ing boots & became too much [illegible] & I [illegible] slight usual [illegible] [illegible]. Rested in [illegible]. TOS [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] but no apples. Sun out in [illegible]. Finished checking Royal Newmarket proofs. Call from Alix and gave her the stockings I brought from Amberley and her allowance of 30/-. She will spend Sunday in London to celebrate Peter's birthday – taking him to film Henry V. Lunch of oranges and whole-meal bread with a slice of [illegible] brought by Somerset [illegible] his wife. Call fr. Parky with K-E's originals of Kings [illegible] Sunchariot & Big Game. Settled Royal Newmarket proofs. Home 3.30 [illegible] home [illegible]. Spent most of time fr. 7.15 till 10 o'c trying to make Paxi [illegible]. Finally [illegible] in

[illegible]

FRIDAY February 2nd.
Took Paxer out at 6 A.M. and
Bu more on bus went to sleep
again till 8. Breakfast 9.30
Ironed by C. Took Paxer out on
pram bathing walk down to the pond
where I cut a willow wand to
switch him with when he is too big.
Settled down to work on h. Edwards
with Paxer on my knee. Interrupted
by Vicar with books on Characters of
the Old Testament for M-m-lane's
window. I went on with my
work with Paxer in my knee and
only talked to Vicar casually over my
shoulder leaving C. to do most
of talking for which she blamed me
when he had gone, but he did go.
After lunch took Paxer out for
another walk and C. watched for N.
from window. W. Peter. Funeral
of Miss Ruff passing. Mr Foster asked
to be let off to be pall-bearer. Out to
see Chaseley about getting more wood.
Tel. Ellerday about coal - we have
not a scrap. Sawed and chopped
wood with Jim & Mr Foster with Paxer
asleep in basket. Tea & nap with Paxer
on knee. Drink. After dinner combed
Paxer. He made [illegible] bed in basket

[illegible] Chesley Virgin [illegible]

SATURDAY February 3rd

Paxie quiet till 5 o'c when I got up & took him out with [illegible]. Not enough hot water for 2 baths so left it for G. & did not have any. Breakfast 9.30 and took Paxie out for a [illegible] with [illegible]. Took Paxie down [illegible] in [illegible] & [illegible]. Got stamps [illegible] & apples. Paid [illegible]. Cold weather [illegible] stable again and [illegible] [illegible] all next week [illegible] here and taking pictures of [illegible] by the [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] and include [illegible]. G. [illegible] for walk with Paxie down [illegible] and I picked up apple [illegible] for [illegible]. Sat. w. G. after [illegible] & she [illegible] me [illegible] [illegible]. Barbara [illegible] complete [illegible] life. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] worked [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and all work of house. [illegible] or affection from [illegible]. Spent afternoon picking up twigs in orchard w. little Ann [illegible] playing w. Paxie and Charley [illegible] this Saturday. Nap after tea. bath. drink. After d[illegible]

Sunday FEBRUARY 4th

Paxo did not stir till I woke him at 8 o'c and took him out for a walk on terrace. Shampoo, bath and shaved after. Wrote [illegible] for C. after. Wound clocks. Looked at papers. Took Paxo out for walk on his lead. Arranged for Charley to wire in a pen for Paxo under dining room window. Not [illegible] as Charley wanted because of C's & Mrs S's feelings about poor little Giselle's grave. C & walked with Paxo down to wood and I brought back some sticks. Bread in kitchen. Gave Hattie coupons that Charley lent me for Peter's shoes. Nannie only at lunch as Alice in London celebrating Peter's birthday. After lunch finished glueing my cig holder. If it sticks I will [illegible] it next weekend, cut in some teeth etc. Brought little table for studio to stand at foot of stairs so that people won't put things on stairs. Took Paxo down to a [illegible] while I picked up apple prunings. Put him in wire pen [illegible] his coat to tie on. Gave him [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] faggots to bake. [illegible] nap. After [illegible] [illegible] Chapter. [illegible] dry no 2. in hall after [illegible]

MONDAY February 5th

up 6.45. Took Peter out and then fed him back in his playpen where he slept till breakfast. C. on[?] to station in Saggers car. Nannie, cutting C. "Oddments" making me desperately depressed. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in train. C. to Dorchester and [illegible] to Buckland about [illegible]. Bus to office. Cleared off arrears [illegible] then walked [illegible] [illegible] of Beaumonts Dorchester Ballet [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] pleased with my [illegible] of his [illegible]. Taxi to Dorchester & lunch [illegible]. C. & [illegible] Blakeney, — a real [illegible] but abnormally [illegible] [illegible] heavy black eye brows and eye lashes. Talked of Japanese characteristics etc. of [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] on flat. C. at Black Current [illegible] at [illegible]. Taxi back and [illegible] Beaumonts Ballet [illegible] to Dorchester 6.15. [illegible]. Dinner 7.15 and spent evening with Woolley [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] also [illegible]

TUESDAY February 6th
up 6.40. Breakfast in
room. office 9.45
W. letters for typing
Read & dict. Mss. to
Garrick & prepared Rubin
Darwin at Bernard's request
No apples at Salamons. Mrs
Leslie Hartley at Ath. &
talked about his book also
about Alfreda's marriage.
Lunch. Alan Barker spoke
to me about Harold Acton's
Candidacy & I urged committee
[illegible] if they did not
want a man. Hair cut.
Back to office. dict. more Mss.
Tea and then back to
Dorchester 4.30. Brief nap.
Then [illegible] to Lunts in Love
in Idleness. Saw Freya with
Mrs. Arthur James. Sat next to
Sir W. Jowitt. Cup did and came
but [illegible] took home. Play well
acted but bad [illegible] and [illegible]
and [illegible]. Dinner late Dorchester
Sat bet. Robertsons & Woodleys after

# WEDNESDAY February 7

Up 7 o'c. Left-pris-ing at
Mayonnaise. Apples 10.15
Starting letter to Mr Studebaker
Kennedy. Call Jr. Mace about
Buddy Gregory. Finished letters
Mrs S-K and other drafts.
Dinner Grant and drug and (?)
by Mil. Somerset. Tel Salmon
for apples. Tel. Nat. Pros. Bank
and arranged not to sell any of
Mimi's securities at present.
W. draft letter to Chas Rabin
about jar a Grant fur clothes
names. Met G. at Hotel
Fletchers and back in taxi to
Dorchester. Rested. Dinner with
Lethgow - Lilli Assam and
Gabrielson. Talk afterwards
G. had a call by appointment
this morning from Flora
Sussmann. Said found her
sympathetic and possibly
able to help her. Went at 2.20
A. Evans

THURSDAY February 8th
up 6.45. Packed. Sailed
at 7am. Commenced and
executed offer to compromise
Nominees Treasury Claim on
Romanones Royalties. Taxi
to office and call from
Mr Oakley about "book to [illegible]
on Fleming." Out & got
bracelets on approval for
Alix's b'day. Lunch of apples
& brown bread. Call fr.
Lieut. Thwaites who has
written a book on his
cruises. Out and got some
brown bread and sugar-cake.
Met G. Victoria and back to Amberley
5.30. Out by Sagar's taxi and gave
Phillips a lift. Dad well and glad
to see us. But Mr Sealand [illegible]
had not been able to do a bit
work. Theo fussing after him [illegible]
Alfreda said that she had been in
a [illegible] temper all the time. Drink
[illegible]. Afterwards read papers
and comforted Dad [illegible]
at 12 o'C. [illegible]

FRIDAY February 9th

Paxie slept all night took him out at 5 and then he was quiet in his basket while I had my bath and dressed. Took him out again for a run after breakfast. C. feeling ill from indigestion. Lovely mild sunny day. A. brought Thomas over to see C. Tel. Mrs Cook and arranged luncheon wi. Mrs Cazey(?) Thursday. Tel. Cust and he will call tomorrow 12.15. Telegram to Courtenay fixing Tue. or Wed. for lunch. Took Paxie up. on Glad(?) to see Charley. Arranged for C. to have lunch in sitting room. Brown toast & orange. I had lunch in dining room & Paxie would not drink his milk & I put him to sleep in his basket. W. Peter & Mr Miller about hay turn leave(?). And P.C. to Courtenay about his visit to London to see me. To [illegible] with Paxie and helped up stairs while he played about with Charley & Davis & Newell. Tea wi. Gr. Alex arrived. C. had dinner [illegible]

in sitting room, coffee, chicken, toasted – cooked(?) C.

SATURDAY February 10th

G. breakfast in bed. To square for money and stamps. Made up envelopes and paid men. Philip arrived from Brussels, his work finished. Says Belgians were better off under German occupation with more food and fuel. They like English better but Germans more efficient. Vivien Ilchy came last night leaving tonight. Mr. Cook came about electric cooker and wiring for sitting room. G. had lunch in sitting room. Thinks she has gastric flu. Alix not going to chop wood as she promised as she wants to finish a dress for dinner with Annie on Monday. Lunch with her. Afternoon sawed and split wood and Arthur took it to cottage. Oddie in basket. Tea in [illegible] Alix. Took G's tea to her upstairs. I went to Castle to meet Mr. Stewart and his fiancée. [illegible] is Banker. May come here as Vicar

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11th

Grey mild morning turning to rain by 8 o'c. Took Paxer out for walk to the terrace in dressing gown then put him back in his basket while I shaved & washed hair and had my bath. C. feeling better but breakfast in bed. Walked alone to Church. Mr Stewart so short that his head does not come to the top of the lectern. Lesson of David and Jonathan in the field. Preached very well of the spirit. He seems too good for [illegible]. Home and found C. in sitting room and Paxer in the [illegible] where I had left him. Read C. chapter of Samuel about David and Jonathan. She dramatically acted for Mr Scotland and ordered dinner for the three cottage guests. C. lunch in sitting room. Alex & I without Harris in dining room. N. McConachie W. [illegible] [illegible], joining for 5/- Paid Mrs [illegible] cleaning carpets, [illegible] papers etc. Raining so did not go out to work as [illegible] of Tea 3 to [illegible] [illegible] Paxer out for little walk round between showers. [illegible] down 1 broken leg holder. Philip, Anne and

Monday FEBRUARY 12th

up 6.30 and met Paxie out. No bath. Breakfast Alix @ 7.30 Walk station. Forgot Alix's suit case and telephoned for it [illegible] W. Marilyn Stannard in taxi. Alix [illegible] to [illegible] Tailor and tried on her [illegible] coat and found it much improved. Then to [illegible] [illegible] and up to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] bought gay green dress for £6.18.6. Then I came back to office quickly. Alix went to Victoria but her suit case had not arrived. Lunch [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. C. telephoned Paxie seems ill. [illegible] telephoned Dr. [illegible] who came [illegible] today. Advised [illegible] [illegible] soaked in warm [illegible]. Tel. Wimbledon Station — found suit case had been put on 9.10, so to Victoria and found it in Lost Property. Alix had simply missed it. Left it at 9.15 [illegible] 5.7. [illegible] & signed letters. Home 5.30. Worried about Paxie. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] and then [illegible] [illegible] activity. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] milk & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]

TUESDAY February 13th.

Tried to coax Paxel to drink drops of milk and brandy during night and in morning he seemed better and eventually playful. Gave him a little thickened milk at breakfast which he ate eagerly. Up to London with Evelyn in apparent comfort seat. Rested and tried to sleep after W. C. Heath about his budget. Tel. C. Paxel much better and eating platefuls of meat. W. letter off day for Mrs C. to copy. Lunch of bread + syrup and lettuce. Tel. Bart of Malenstein thanking him for X-mas food parcel. Journey 5-4 slept like a log in train. Home and found Paxel apparently well, but had not eaten since his last meal at 3 o'c. I had not wanted him to be given as much food after his illness. Bath. Paxel would not eat anything all evening. Bed at 12. After dinner read [illegible] on another of Kandahar's chugs. G. gave me for X-mas. Listened to music read papers and played with Paxel [illegible] seemed to grow quieter.

WEDNESDAY February 14th

Paxa sick at 3.30. Took him out and he did no. 1 & 2 and seemed limp. But when I got up at 6.50 he was weak and would not eat any food. Coaxed him with a little milk and brandy and before I left he had drunk a little plain milk & seemed brighter. C. and I up to London; bitterly cold morning [illegible]; Peter Land & Mr. Miller on the train. Freddie's son [illegible] has been killed in action. Dropped C. at hairdresser [illegible] Lunch. Bus to office. Call for Mr T [illegible] [illegible] Says Dan Macmillan is very sick and [illegible] [illegible] and is going down hill. Lunch RAC with Courtenay Stewart who wants me to help in finding a job for him. Back to office and long talk with Mr Clifford. Talk to Mrs Trengrove who had come to see Mr Sommerett about her income tax. Think we must help her to pay it. C. called for me in taxi & then [illegible] [illegible]. Bath. O.M. drunk [illegible]. [illegible] had a good romp with old Bob the afternoon but [illegible] [illegible]

THURSDAY February 15th

Paxes sick in night. Made a bad mess in passage in morning which I trod into carpet and then spent ½ hour cleaning up. Left him sleeping. Anne Toynbee to station and Robert & Cicely Mathews to whom I introduced her. Philip has got a temporary job in London — [illegible] Engineering Dept. Finished letter in train to Frida on [illegible] & [illegible] & wrote to [illegible] [illegible] — Peter [illegible]. Office 11.10. W. Mr Shuttleworth Kennedy etc. Talk Mr Somervell about Mrs Tungrave's pictures. [illegible] and arranged to pay [illegible] that is £95. Luncheon Clough & George Gregory. Says Cook [illegible] entertained [illegible] and that Gregory had actually no right there at all. Back to office. W. McCarthy. Out [illegible]. Camden Cannon [illegible] [illegible] got [illegible] what [illegible] [illegible]. Called [illegible] Sutherland in [illegible] Savoy Hotel [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], his [illegible] and [illegible] profile. Cakes on [illegible] drawers and a magnificent [illegible] [illegible] chair. She expects to [illegible] in March. Home 6.15 [illegible] Mathews [illegible] [illegible]. Paxes better [illegible] sleeping.

FRIDAY February 16th

up 8 o'c. Took Paxie out and then asked him to cut [illegible] of last night's [illegible]. Water cold and no bath. Found Mr S. cutting up [illegible] and asked one [illegible] Paxie while he ate [illegible]. Think he has been [illegible]. Bedlington book received on loan from Secretary of [illegible]. Put away papers etc. Made appointment with [illegible] and engaged [illegible] to take one to [illegible]. Gave Paxie crust of brown bread which he gnawed and finished. Brushed and combed him to look his best with [illegible]. Took him out for run on lawn. After [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and he [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]. Should have meat in good quantities beef mutton [illegible] [illegible] meat. Trying to get it. Chopped wood with Paxie in basket. Then took him down to orchard and picked up sticks. Very tired. Tea — gave Paxie some. Mr [illegible] came and he [illegible] [illegible] work [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] and told us of the [illegible] collecting. [illegible] and [illegible] arrived. Bath. After dinner

SATURDAY February 17th

up 8 o'C Miserable chilly but a still day. Took Paxer out on lawn in my dressing gown. Saw Peter and Alick outline & [illegible] paint [illegible] on narrow strip betw. plants and [illegible]. No hot water. Shaved & dressed. Cut-up meat for Paxer and as he was eating it he made a great pool. I smacked him and shut him up in basket and did not give him rest of breakfast till I had finished. Down to S[illegible] for meals & stamps. Spoke to Lucie about horse meat and looked at his puppy & extra Alsatian Major and a Labrador retriever. Made up envelopes and paid [illegible]. [illegible] Humphrey walking in Studio [illegible] will make a fine [illegible] walk around [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] Paxer [illegible] with Jakey on [illegible] Lucie and Jill. Sends [illegible] pretty [illegible] face. Cut up meat meal for Paxer's dinner and [illegible] puppy biscuits. [illegible] After lunch he picked [illegible] that [illegible] Peter. Stripped [illegible] & Chapter. Too many [illegible] Farewell - Morris arrived [illegible]. [illegible]

SUNDAY February 18th
up 8 o'c. Paxie went for a
run but did not do No 2.
Drank his milk. Peter had a
bath but I did not attempt it
around him of the clocks and
kept trying to make Paxie do
No 2. Cook to Church. Took
Paxie out again with no result.
But he ate well and is getting
fatter. After lunch, I took him
for walk in field west side of
croft. He did no. 2 at last.
Would not come when I called
but did at last when I
smacked him with strap.
Put him in for rest. Charley
made up the tunnel and gave
him a bone to pick. I read
Shakespeare in sand heap for
Peter and Alex. Cut prints and
fastened down wire of Paxie's pen.
[illegible] merely asked Mrs S. for an egg
for Peter he [illegible] and she sent
it carrying he had had a happy day
[illegible]. [illegible] a chair. Bath.
Brandy [illegible] and soda. After dinner
played Rummy with Alex & made

MONDAY February 19[illegible]

up 6.45. Took Peter out
successfully but could not rouse
him to drink his milk or even
to eat his breakfast. Left
him asleep in his basket. I
slept in train. Left Peter's glasses
to be mended at Bates's [illegible]
Victoria. Eat [illegible] bread.
Cases Mr Dobson along onions
and carrots. Also M. [illegible]
[illegible] me 3 lbs. [illegible] meat
steak in Soho. [illegible] Smith.
Thinks Peter has [illegible]
[illegible]. W. [illegible] 5 [illegible]. Lunch
[illegible] [illegible] ½ [illegible] (but
[illegible] but I don't think I will
[illegible]) and my [illegible]
and [illegible]. D. Elliott [illegible]
came in today 3.45 from 5.4. Had
[illegible] on Peter's collar to [illegible]
[illegible] on it. I slept having
in train. Met Philip at [illegible]
station and he asked me about
[illegible] "Barrie's [illegible]"
5 Peter properly well. Came
home a lesson "Sit" and "Come" with
[illegible] as [illegible]. [illegible] hours
[illegible] and prepared for [illegible]
[illegible] telephoned [illegible] I had
got home [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]..

TUESDAY February 20th 1945

Paxes was sleeping so heavily when I got up, and as C. said he slept till 10.20 yesterday, I let him sleep till I had finished breakfast and then I found he had got his basket — and the first of the fresh new clean basket. My fault as I did not prevent. Posted to town, as usual as I could with my compt seat taken and talking non-stop females opposite. Spent all day revising L. Edmunds with luncheon at Jack & Carrots bread & black currant. W. a few letters. Sent Niki's life of Levinoff —. W. a few letters. Came 5.14. Lovely pink sunset walking home fr. Amberley Station. Walk thro' Rowdells and saw that Charley had not started planting hedge. Stopped at his cottage and he said he would start tomorrow. C. said Paxes would not eat his meat raw as she had it cooked. 8 small glasses of brandy. Bath etc. After dinner did personal accounts which came out right first time. Played with Paxes. Read papers. Listened to news & music

WEDNESDAY February 21st-
Paxel slightly sick at 4.30. Took
her out in No. 1 result. No [illegible]
Took P. out again 8.30 in No 2
result. Had given him milk and
fire till at 7.30. [illegible] in [illegible]
Apples & lettuce Salmon and Flax and
Russell & Chapple. Bread at Davis.
W. Martyn Skinner who says he is
going to write some light verse for
Lady Rhondda. Worked on Liberal
Edwards. Luncheon at desk without
interruption, invasion of L. E. Asked
Ladbroke to get some more horse-meat
for Paxel tomorrow. Home 5.5. Met
Raymond Postgate in bus - [illegible] Board
of Trade Dolphin Square. Ruth and [illegible]
to train. Saw John Dalby get in
train at P' bus. Lucky Sumner.
P. says that Philip & Anne seem
devoted towards each other.
Visits came to luncheon. Say
[illegible] Seymour behaving badly
drinking Sunday, and starving
affairs with girls. G. has been
Paxel pretty troublesome to-day
Bath etc. After dinner - [illegible]
accounts. Paxel very restless.

THURSDAY February 22nd

up 6.45 and took Pincent out
Thigs as Bert was no heat
water I hurried and caught
8.34 Their urgency & asleep
in his pocket. Gave English
letter Ch. II. Got 65 eggs and
some cod liver oil and malt for P.
and Bt. Current purse and Clear?
syrup for myself. W. postcard
to Mrs Carruthers. W. letter to
Bennie and Mrs Brindley and
generally cleared back out
and got some bread in danger of
wholemeal. Found black head
fringing the foot. asked me for 2½
for stamp to meet a ... as she
[illegible] 3d. left for bus.
Refreshed and shocked Cannon[illegible]
Call for. Bernard who ... ...
... has gone back to his office
Call by. Fleet by telephone. [illegible]
... Edward. Home 5.4
Along ... ... all the ... and
when I got to Ashford ... ...
three ... courses. Bath. Dress
myself enter ... but ... for me
house & rabbit ... [illegible]

Friday FEBRUARY 23rd

Paxos wakes me 4.30 & [illegible] I
did not take him out & [illegible]
not stop properly again. Wind
not [illegible] breakfast but
coaxed him during morning. At
11.30 I took him to Charly
Humphries working under stacks.
They are great friends. Took [illegible]
[illegible] to Mrs [illegible] [illegible]
C. [illegible] letter digging. W.
[illegible] Mr Sutherland. [illegible]
to Mrs [illegible] [illegible] her [illegible]
Raphael to the Studio. Read Times.
After luncheon sorted papers.
Took Paxos back to C. Humphries
and then later took him with
me to see [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Charly had planted many [illegible] along
[illegible] field by [illegible]. Shut them
in garden while I planned
[illegible]. Came in for tea.
Rested in chair after chasing Paxos
all over lawn without result. Got
just as [illegible] arrived [illegible] stopped at
[illegible] to play [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Cat [illegible] after dinner [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

SATURDAY February 24th

Papa sick in night and took him out - [illegible] fomentations Nos 1 & 2 up and bath 8 oc. Breakfast wi. C about 10. Papa would not eat or drink anything. Down to [illegible] for stamps and money. Engaged Crankshaft to [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] cakes. Papa spent morning wi: Charley [illegible] [illegible] in Studio [illegible]. Paid man. Came Philip Watts to hang up [illegible] for Josephine from Cattaly [illegible] [illegible] took [illegible] [illegible] envelope down to her cottage. Teddie [illegible] [illegible] made up fire and combed and brushed Papa for Mr. Crowther who arrived for [illegible]. Long Cold sunny day after hard frost in night. Talk wi: Mr Crowther after lunch: C. likes him. Then Raphael arrived and Alec took him for walk on downs. C. went to [illegible] Mr C. sat by Papa. Read paper & had a nap. I paid [illegible] and [illegible] Cyanotype [illegible]. Papa [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Tea [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

3.40 I had nap in [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible]

SUNDAY February 25th

Slept well. Woke at 8 and took
Peter out. Good bath. Break-
fast [illegible] did only keep few up 5
C. had only cool wash. Peter took a
little warm milk & his meat [illegible]
medicine but would not eat. C. & I
breakfast together. Took Peter out
and Charles [illegible] tried to fix the [illegible] by
[illegible] but he climbed up the [illegible]
so we gave it up. Cleverly [illegible]
of wood. Cut up those meat [illegible]
[illegible] generate and grilled it and he ate
a lot at 12.0'c. Took him down to
Black Horse and got beer. He moved
on very well. Heard Nannie calling C.
"Snookie". Narrowly with rage, but got
two luncheons anyway. C. likes Nannie
always on Sunday unless we are alone.
She smoked a cig. with us in sitting room
& then took Peter out to play. [illegible]
Called at cottage. Paid bills etc. [illegible] of
Tan. extra exp. Brought up wood for
Summer house by pony. [illegible]
[illegible] in funny motorized dog-cart
to tea. Says allies should not have
bombed towns [illegible] port in France
until [illegible] could explain. [illegible]
[illegible] afternoon [illegible]. [illegible]
Dick. After dinner, [illegible]
[illegible]

MONDAY February 26th

up 7.0°C. Saw Alix who smiled in spite of last night's unpleasant ... Pexels ... drank a little warm milk ... Gaye ... Chagby ... felt ... happily in his ... clean ... opened letters etc. at offices. ... lunch ... after ... cooked fish. Lunch Claridge with Lilian and Marguerite. Back to offices and ... Back to office and dictated ... a few letters ... M.S. To ... 5.15. Found C. down stairs ... then up and ... Nobby ... C. asked ... about damage ... at 11-30 and C. felt I had not ... so long. Bed ...

TUESDAY February 27th

Lovely morning. [illegible] office 10.20

[illegible]

[illegible] day [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] apples + whole-meal bread and black currant. [illegible]

[illegible] family [illegible]

[illegible] all afternoon [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] at 7.40 [illegible]

[illegible] at 7.45

[illegible]

WEDNESDAY February 27th

Breakfast. 18 stg 5 only [illegible] left. Completed [illegible] pages [illegible]. [illegible] Office 10.45. [illegible] luncheon [illegible] Manner [illegible] Completed copy for Spring list. I was annoyed at 12.30 and Alex Blue in. I was big with market individually and [illegible] [illegible] manner. [illegible] a [illegible] Paul Latham which is a pity! See no reason why he should not do well. Took him to luncheon at Atkinson where he recognized and spoke to his old headmaster. I did not encourage him to [illegible]. I [illegible] do anything to get him a job. Back to office and gave Miss [illegible] Spring list to type. Sent [illegible] for [illegible] Winson [illegible] to [illegible]. Worked at [illegible] copy for August [illegible]. [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Sutherland [illegible] his copy [illegible] to Bath. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] etc. for the book. [illegible]

12.40

Thursday MARCH 1

Packed. Had a milk had gone [illegible]
office 10.30. Lunch [illegible] got me
3 lb. [illegible] meat at a [illegible] place
in Strutton Ground. Sent C's [illegible]
Play to Fran Sussmann [illegible] in [illegible]
Sent [illegible] To A & N & got bottle of gin
Lunch Claridges [illegible] & Edward
Wyndham and C. C. went to
American Embassy; Says she is
[illegible] about passage
to America. Bath & [illegible]
worked on Spring [illegible]
Tea office. Met C. Victoria and home
5.30 [illegible] by Taylor. To Charing [illegible]
And got Paper. Seems well and
[illegible] and Charley and [illegible] have
[illegible] having him. Drink for
C. & me with our new bottle of gin. —
C. found out at Embassy that there
seems no difficulty about going
to America by air. Met A: who I
had come up to London [illegible]. There
[illegible] his doctor and had taken [illegible]
at Embassy was Mr Me[illegible] and
her old colleague. Mr S. [illegible]
up [illegible] meat for [illegible]
which he ate during the [illegible]
[illegible] papers, [illegible]

[illegible]

FRIDAY March 2nd

Mrs Hook had not given me any pyjamas for weeks and I had a rather [illegible] off the cotton pair. Cold in night and slight sore throat. In morning found Mrs Hook had been putting my pyjamas in Peter's room. Took Pastel out at 3 o'C. and devoted myself to him most of morning. Lent Charley "Dan Fisher's Horns" 8 o'C. Humphrey getting on in Studio cellar. Alfreda came down to show presents of baby clothes for Thomas from Emily. Sorted papers from London. Took some of my horse-meat down to the [illegible] and over to Anne's field with Paxie and brought up some beech wood. After lunch left Paxie with Charley tethered to a spade, and went to bed and slept till tea time when my sore throat had gone. C. over to Cottage and sat with Naomi and Thomas whom she is finding very [illegible]. Alfreda & Anne had gone to [illegible]. Discussed relations with Alfreda with C. and decided not to try to maintain our association. Alex came home bearing silk [illegible] dress. Drank before dinner. After dinner fed Paxie. Finished [illegible]

SATURDAY March 3rd Cold

very cold in night & got up. Dressing gown in bed. Bath water & body lukewarm but slept good Exercises. After breakfast took Pascal to spend morning with Mrs O'Humphrey & went down to Studio cellar. Down to Jones for stamps & money with Pascal on lead. Made up note paper and paid man. Down to Jones field and attacked by gander as I brought up corn & bread and gave Pascal his dinner before we had our lunch. Stamped cards and W. Cheques etc. Out and posted letter to Peter etc. Down to Jones field and brought up load of beechwood. Paid woodman and sent balance of trunk to Mr. Cooper. He brought 20 birch trees to make good hedge. Cut branches of plum & Mirabelle plum for C. Looked at Thomas in P's diary big jump. Dinner & tea. Pascal in Doll & drink. After dinner carried Pascal who was too exhausted to eat and could only sleep. Retiring going with green flannel coat.

SUNDAY March 4th [illegible]
up 8 o'c Did my exercises in a
cold bath and it seemed to go all
right. Back [illegible] with no [illegible]
at night. Paxie ate a little of the
finest meat he refused last night
Spent most of morning taking [illegible]
about. Did a little [illegible]
[illegible] in garden. Sadie
washed her hair and played [illegible]
all morning. Paxie ate [illegible]
at luncheon. Put away papers
and looked up arrangements for
annuity to Peggie Carruthers.
Alix and I spent afternoon arranging
China, brass and [illegible] etc. Studio
& newly cement floored kitchen.
Paxie got in my way in street while
I was carrying this glass flagon. Is
keeping glass and cutting [illegible]
and [illegible]. Cut some more [illegible]
with Paxie [illegible] to speed. After
tea [illegible] with Paxie on [illegible]
Drive before dinner. [illegible] Paxie
[illegible] with soup in it which he ate
well. Took him out and [illegible]
what he did when he ran out of [illegible]
from door and [illegible] him. [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

MONDAY March 5th. Still [illegible]
Took Peter out at 7 and then put
him in his basket again where he
was sleeping when I left. Bath
water cold so I hurriedly dressed for
[illegible] 7.34 train. Put back again
but I [illegible] left out [illegible] 4
walk to Charing + [illegible] getting
[illegible] bread for lunch [illegible]
for tea on way. Tel. to [illegible] Pete
back with [illegible] Dictated replies
to letters just arriving. Several alerts
all clear and distant bombs.
Lunch at desk: bread, blk currant
and apple. Mr [illegible] got a
[illegible] [illegible] for Capt. [illegible]
on [illegible] addition to [illegible]
Newmarket. Called on [illegible]
[illegible] about [illegible]. W. [illegible]
[illegible] working on a film [illegible] week
Signed letters and home by 5.4
Stopped at Kindall and talked to
Caspari about trunk for her goods
which they want cut in half
[illegible] [illegible] Nannie [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in station road. I said I did
not want [illegible]. It is [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] home [illegible] for
Pete. Personal accounts [illegible]

TUESDAY March 6th

No bath water. C. asleep & Hennie in her room. So did not say goodbye. 8.34 train & changed at Horsham but train delayed and did not reach office till 10.50. W. letters to Athens authorities about Alexis name as [illegible] Brant instead of Jean Brant. W. Matson of Finland. Lunch Bankstein's w/. Ralph Peters. He had a blood-stained bandage on his head and was already drunk when I came. Said he was in a bomber last night with Paulin, as rear gunner with a Norwegian pilot; that crashed on landing at Croydon, had been invited to make flight by King of Norway. Kept [illegible] double whiskys till I told waiter not to give him any more. I asked [illegible] Peters to waiter and showed his usual cultivation with megalomania. Came on to his recent African adventures. Said he had injured muscles of his back and was in great pain. Paid for lunch all right and returned [illegible] money in his pocket. Office. Call [illegible] Agatha who has got up a new pamphlet. Home 5.24 [illegible].

Pat el had eaten well all day but no

WEDNESDAY March 7th

Up 6.45 & took Pater out.
Breakfast 7.45 and 8.34
train to London Bridge.
W. Frank Cooper [illegible] and [illegible]
Ammates and Prof. Brown
started to read Ralph Peter's
[illegible] – with interesting [illegible]
Alec called in. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] ! and get her fountain
pen and a couple of [illegible]
[illegible] apples & black currant [illegible]
[illegible] W. P. C. Christopher
[illegible]. Came [illegible] with
[illegible] of fodder [illegible] at [illegible]
[illegible]. Medley out. Call [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] on [illegible] N.O.M. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Says it is [illegible]
all [illegible]. Worked on [illegible]
addition to [illegible] N [illegible],
Home 5.4. Pater had not eaten
meat all day only sweet things
& macaroni cheese, [illegible]
[illegible] beef & [illegible] that I [illegible] to
[illegible] him at night. Seems [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] weighs only 7 lb.
[illegible] [illegible] dinner. [illegible] [illegible].

THURSDAY March 7th.

Cool grey day, light rain. 1 tart. Paxes out at 7 o'C. left for London 9:34. Arrived in [illegible] offices 10.40. Call fr. Thum back from seeing Bentos and Mrs Bradley in Paris. Delighted to see the books I sent especially Burris. Mrs Bradley says that Serge is in disgrace because he kept a pink gown during German occupation. Arrested but released at request of Russians. Now said to be going to Russia - Mr Calshaw and Mrs Simmonett came down to see me about accounts. Seems that net profit £6003. last year. Tel. Ivan's home to enquire if he had received my letter about B. Wilson. Fruit lunch at desk. W. Peters. Tel Royal Air Force Club to enquire about Group Capt. Peto. Say he is away. Sent Dighton copy of my revision of his addition to - [illegible] VI Chapter by Royal Newmarket. Joseph's [illegible] for tea. Home 5.4. Paxes has eaten nothing all day but he ate a good meal of the raw horse meat 10/-

FRIDAY March 9th

up 7.45 and took Paxie out. Bath and shaved. Paxie returned and scratching on door but my face was covered with lather and I did not let him out and he made a pool on the floor but it showed that he is learning(?). Took him down to C. Humphrey after my breakfast. Put away letters receipts etc. W. letter to Police Superintendent in [illegible] about Paxie's licence certificate to have name changed from me to Mrs Brunt(?). Dinner(?) [illegible] with C. and Paxie and picked daffodils. Paxie had eaten big breakfast of raw horse meat at 12 o'c. Spent afternoon pruning & carnations with Paxie [illegible] & a spade. Talk to Vicar about putting a wrought iron gate to lane between Cottage garden and his property. Evidently it is his wife who opposes it. Nannie's friend [illegible] left this afternoon. Tea with C. [illegible] by Violet(?). Rested in chair with Paxie after giving him another big meal of brown meat(?)

[illegible] drink before dinner. Evening read [illegible]

[illegible] another day [illegible]

SATURDAY March 10th

Up 7.45 and took Paxie out, then cool bath & shaved. Grey morning turning to warm sunny afternoon. Breakfast w/ C. 9.30. Took Paxie out. Saw Charley Thompson who is making a fine basement room under studio. Down to square with Paxie — got cash and stamps. Made up envelopes stamped each and paid them. Charley says that last 3 carrots went bad thinks he will leave some of them in the ground next winter. W. Chap. Read Newsletter — Time and Tide. W. has another paper by Monty skinner, says in it he is getting taking for modern verse etc. though it does not seem they modern to me. May be been angry for him, but will not improve his poetry. After lunch, w. P.C. to [illegible] that to get fire for Paxie on Monday. Down to pub where Bosnell & Mann's collecting papers. Paid them & brought up some [illegible]. Finished pruning clematis. Laurence Curry and Julia Steecher for walked at cottage, tea & nap in chair. Dark. Paxie has had meals & came home at 11.5

and 10. Evening read and [illegible]

SUNDAY March 11

up 9 o'c. Papa ate big break-
fast & was quiet all 10 o'c
this time of day as he has taken
all his bread. Left him w. B.
before I went to church. Beau-
tiful day. When I came back B.
said that [illegible] & [illegible] had
come over to [illegible] Opening
of his Russian Sp. exhibition.
Anne Josephine & Alfreds came
too. Washed Papa's face with
soap & water. Played with him
and Dawn before lunch. Gave him
meat & carried tray up. he ate early.
Read Ralph Peters reminiscences of
Marcello. Brilliant but no construction.
I tried to get Papa up on my knee
and then tried to get him to stay with
me while I brought up fresh [illegible]
for [illegible] but no success. Tea w.
B. up my room w. Papa and
cut toe-nails & finger nails. Very
good [illegible] [illegible]. Rested w. Papa
in chair. 7.0 [illegible] Charles about [illegible]
Papa. Drink

MONDAY March 12

Turned Paxas over to Charlie who held him in his arms as we drove away. C. and I up to London. [illegible] in train. Put her in a taxi, and went by bus to office getting Peter's [illegible] glasses and [illegible] bread and C's cigs on the way. Call fr. [illegible] [illegible] except letters fr. [illegible] [illegible] fr. Richard [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] dictated etc. Bread and apples for lunch. [illegible] letters. Tea at [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] and C. [illegible] till [illegible] Dined 8.30. C. M. [illegible] nothing but they were [illegible] to night so we were [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]. Evening [illegible] Repetitions [illegible] C. his head fr. a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Champion [illegible] in [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] complacently [illegible] [illegible] say that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]

TUESDAY March 13

Dorchester. up 6.50. After breakfast went to flat and noted things [illegible] sent to storage. Back to office and morning routine. Dictated various letters. Read Kay's speeches not good enough for a book. Lunch at desk bread & apples. Worked on Lady Grigg's journals making cuts & contributions finally passages & started draft letter to Lincoln R. Mrs Smith spoke to me about Grigg's [illegible] profit sharing which should be [illegible] more than last year. To: J. MacGibbon & Balgh about his coming back to Auckland. To: Mrs Crowther about another Robert Falcon letter. Home to [illegible] Auckland. C. had rested first and then [illegible] to a film and then to bed at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] and [illegible] came to dinner [illegible] a mountain of [illegible] but [illegible] was [illegible]. Robertson.

[illegible]

Wednesday March 14th
up 6.10 and did my usual
ritual and packed my bag
and then off before 9:20 for
Frensley [illegible] while I looked [illegible]
over things in storage and chose
curtains and materials for that
lovely sunny day. To Offices
for a few minutes. Taken
lunch with C. & Fields drove them to
back to office 2.45. Signed letters
corrected [illegible] of Spring [illegible]
Mr & Mrs [illegible] with Mrs Meid.
Alex called. Seemed gentle and
more attractive. Told her she
must not spend money on Peter.
Joined C. on train 5:30. Talked
in carriage and window open so
got a light cold there. Obviously
arranged for wedding and ketch
[illegible] [illegible] faked. Fine wedding
cake and spring flowers in N. [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible] arrived for
final arrangements. Nanni helped
[illegible] all in Annie's room in cottage
Place seems bigger & lighter but
bed & floors still dark. [illegible] day
before dinner. Read Times and played

THURSDAY March 15.
up 6.45. Chill grey morning.
N's [illegible] and I 8.34 train to London.
Sore throat better. Got cakes & bread
on way to office. Tel. fr. Marlyn
S[illegible] dinner at Ealing. Wanted to
have luncheon tomorrow.
Dictated 3 or 4 draft letters to [illegible]
[illegible]. Lunch usual bread & apples.
Mr Lockhurst cannot get [illegible]
[illegible] must so arranged [illegible].
Left Peters [illegible] to be [illegible] &
[illegible] draft letter to [illegible]
about Mr [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible]. Letter fr. [illegible] that he
will retire fr. official life this summer
whether war is over or not. [illegible]
out this morning. Shaving in Mr Weeks
room. Think I must change my room
for Mr Somerville. [illegible] for a little
[illegible]. Home 5.4. [illegible] seems to
have been a great success and
everyone was pleased. Apparently it is
the custom for any women to come
to such occasions. Lovely afternoon.
[illegible]. Before dinner. [illegible]
[illegible]. Read Times. [illegible]
[illegible]. Nearly all gone now except
[illegible] - Getting regular Paddington [illegible]

Friday MARCH 16th
Started raining but turned sunny and warm. Spent a long time making up files. Tel. Radio from Drugget Giles for stairs in flat. Tel Evett, frigidaire & light in Tutor's room promised for Easter. Got things ready for Butler to take up to flat. Out [illegible] about with C & Pax at. Pickles (his sister) lovely show. Mrs & Tompkins & Mrs Perring & [illegible] going away for week end and Alfred & Thomas coming down. Pax doesn't like pear but ate some [illegible] pudding after lunch. [illegible] Peter [illegible] not [illegible] expect [illegible] to [illegible] when they go out together [illegible] that I want him to speak of the rooms here for the holidays. [illegible] that Marie has had a letter fr. Stephanie. Worked all afternoon and after tea & finished after dinner repairing long kettle, making new wire [illegible]. Drink before dinner just C. & I before Alfreda had come down. After dinner sat pleasantly together in sitting room. But when A. went up she gave C only a peck and did not really sincerely kiss me at all.

SATURDAY March 17th 1945

Paxal sick at 4.30. Cleaned his basket & took him out doors. Good bath at 8.15 and G had one at 9 o'c. Mrs S. did not send up any fruit for me but I went down and got a banana for Jeffery. Mrs S. bring out six chickens & I took Paxal down & signed for stamp money. Back. Stopped at Mr Goldsmiths & got couple of small candies for Paxal. Paid him. Stamped check. Mrs S. sent in some rare hairs for Peter. Came I & him on front steps talking to Lawrence handsome but complexion fleeing with sores. After lunch, paid word ... by lake ... Tea G. ... G. had Thomas in her arms. Boy oh is fond of babies ... Thomas ... chair ... on my knee. Made ... Nearly at end of my bottle of Bourbon Whiskey ... shaving & new things on old ...

Sent Mr Smith ... for Mr Smith's ...

SUNDAY March 18th 1945

up 8 o'c. Lovely and still sunny day. Paxie took up most of my time and attention. Well got out into valley. Went to village with dogs and Eve [illegible]. Nanny [illegible]. Finally at about 11.15 Paxie settled down in Chair. I worked on L. Edwards. Paxie would not eat his dinner & carried [illegible] have. After lunch looked at papers [illegible] talked C. when she went up to rest I took Paxie for a walk intending to [illegible] at Bury ferry but ferryman saw me and came across so I let him take me. Called at [illegible] & saw [illegible] sitting at open window and I said "do I see a member of the family?" & Lady R[illegible] turned & smiled. Then [illegible] came down in rather a flutter and it seemed [illegible] & perhaps [illegible] to [illegible]. She told me to [illegible] & Lady R[illegible] who were [illegible] garden, and then went on off. Paxie [illegible] but [illegible] to go to sleep on my knee when we got home. I slept [illegible] till tea time. After tea more L. Edwards. [illegible]. Evening finished [illegible] and bed.

# MONDAY MARCH 19

Damp mild morning. Up 6.45
Left - Parker sleeping. Changed
at [illegible]. Explained shop
for [illegible] without [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Dist. Miss Smith
discharged from Fire Service [illegible]
on 5 day to get her back to her
old job [illegible]. Lunch at desk apples
etc. To R.A.D.A. to see Alex in Merchant
of Venice. Stayed only for 2 acts but whole
performance un[illegible] [illegible].
Tony showed [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] made an effective comic figure
and managed [illegible] voice well. [illegible]
his make up produced a [illegible]
ugly effect. Saw her and congratulated
her after. Really [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
to [illegible], within [illegible] of [illegible] part.
Back to office & tea. [illegible] of the
[illegible], [illegible] cut [illegible] Peter [illegible]
soggy and [illegible]. Hope [illegible] [illegible]
better. Storm 5-7 on walk home
passed by Roger [illegible] in [illegible]
riding [illegible] and [illegible] & another
for [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] 1 [illegible]. Dinner
pleasant [illegible] [illegible] - [illegible]
[illegible] little in [illegible]. [illegible]
Parker - read Times. [illegible] Parker.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

TUESDAY March 20th

Rainy morning. Changed at Horsham. Tickets in carriage so could not sleep. After 10.30 worked on Heatley's appendices, sending to him Marian's Splendours and Macmillan. Call fr. Alix, seems pleased with herself – going to South End for Easter Sunday. Bread & Apples. Call to Mr Miller and put post very Bystander before Lilian. Does he think he – Mr & G. and S. Day? Then first Car [illegible]. a birchbrook running the Pelican brigades of W. changes for new Burnt Leathers. Afternoon. W. Mr Bullock in of the Prunes. a holiday [illegible] for Peter also saying we had heard of him from Fuh. Hom. 5.4. Mrs Parker has returned and Elfrida and Thomas have gone back to college. Peter has spent most of day with [illegible]. Calls & [illegible]: [illegible] fair. news, read Times. Comb'd [illegible]. G. says he is bed-[illegible]

WEDNESDAY March 21, 45

Up 6.45 Coal dump morning
throwing out a fine day
in Lasham P.M. 4.5 London
Bucks. Slept in train after
Changing at Horsham. Arrived
10.10. Office 10.20. Tel.
to Smith RADA. Barry Salmon
Called Buckland 12 o'c about
wills and spent time getting
Hair cut. Got shirts at
Solomons. Back to office &
lunch at desk. Cheque [illegible]
gave her 30/- She still has
her finger split. Tel. from Bry
[illegible] about [illegible]
told him that he could have
a present of £10 in lieu of
profit sharing. W. Mr [illegible]
about holiday Camp for
Peter. W. Barr about [illegible]
contract. Home 5.4. Joined Evelyn
on after coach at Horsham. Find
her difficult to talk to. Met [illegible]
at [illegible] looking very smart
staying on. A [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

THURSDAY March 22nd 1945

Peter woke me at 4.45 & I took him out, then he slept till I was [illegible] to take him to [illegible] after breakfast. Mrs S. making [illegible] [illegible] coat & [illegible] [illegible] and says she has had another paper for [illegible] Exchange. Walked to station & C. followed [illegible] and we [illegible] [illegible] London by 9.40. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] in [illegible] Donald's engagement to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. C. & I [illegible] [illegible] and chose curtains furniture covers etc. To office, signed cheques etc. Met C. at [illegible] and had French [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Uncle Vanya. To Bianco [illegible] [illegible] 1 sherry, 2 whiskey, 1 sherry. Taxi to office. Signed letters. [illegible] says he [illegible] [illegible] in bed [illegible] [illegible] night. Told him of my [illegible] [illegible]. Taxi to Victoria [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] etc. Stopped at New Theatre [illegible] performance [illegible] [illegible] C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. She had [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] of the play. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. She [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I did not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. C. & Peter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Drink before [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

FRIDAY March 23rd

Lovely morning. Paxie sick early in night but only brought up a little raspberry and [illegible]. [illegible] 7.34 train. Did not change at Twickenham. Letter from Mrs Bull [illegible] wedding [illegible] in dinner. Bought presents, lettuce, shoes, cake, sugar, cigs, pencils, apples. Tel. to Louis Spinks about the garage. Tel. Hamptons. Got cake for Peter to send with his repaired fountain pen. W. drafts to Peter. Tel. Pat. Burroughs [illegible] about garage. Lunch apple and bun. To see Alice at R.A.D.A. in Barretts of Wimpole St as Henrietta. Looked pretty and distinguished in [illegible] pale green crinoline dress and acted well. To Boots shop - got brush for Paxie. Nail clippers for Peter and [illegible] for me. 1 to office. [illegible] to Victoria taking 5.44 train home. [illegible] and Billie Osborne had arrived. Both cocktails in N. room after dinner. Paxie [illegible] naked at [illegible] dinner. C. [illegible] [illegible] A.

# SATURDAY March 24th.

Lovely warm sunny day with [illegible]. Up 7.30 Had Paxel in bath when I kept him out of mischief(?) when I had my bath. Kittegon & Billie breakfast in bed. C. & I breakfast downstairs at 8.30. Paxel ate his horse meat left from last night. [illegible] Kittegon up to cut down tree in wood. Billie & I & Paxel to village for stamps & cash & left riding shoes at Bacon's to have new rubber soles. Made up envelopes and paid men. Kittegon took C. & Billie and Alfreda up and down in car. I worked on accounts etc. Tel. Cook about Frigidaire & Patten House. Planned for Easter. Stamping cards. After lunch G. & Kittegon & Billie [illegible]. I finished accounts and went down to see Jack Burnell [illegible] by pond. Brought up some [illegible]. Took Paxel for walk on [illegible]. Tea. To bed & rested. Drinks before dinner. Talk after, music and combed Paxel.

SUNDAY March 25th
8.0 breakfast 9.30. Pakes
got confused when I put
him down. Instead of [illegible]
[illegible] I let him walk about the [illegible]
and he [illegible] hall [illegible]
[illegible] called him back
[illegible] and was last
seen [illegible] a [illegible] on floor. I [illegible]
him with his [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] to Church and
afterwards [illegible] into the
garden. [illegible] have [illegible]
[illegible] gate in front of the alley
[illegible] before luncheon. Pakes
[illegible] Charlie
[illegible] put him in the
basket and went to his
[illegible] slept. After tea
Alfred & Thomas, [illegible]
Philip & Brian [illegible] us.
Brian [illegible] a
[illegible] of [illegible]
Philip [illegible] & Brian [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible] walk with Pakes
He looked very handsome after a
dry shampoo. Drink before dinner
News & talk after.

MONDAY March 25th

up 6.45 Bath. got
Naptha pellets and took
them up to London by car
[illegible]. Raining again.
Took 1.55 pm. arrived [illegible]:
Changed to train and left pictures
[illegible] Smith. Office 11.30
Tel. Hampton's about letter.
Garage to Spears. Lunch at [illegible]
[illegible] at currant & bread. Read
Thwaite's Naval experiences – [illegible]
improvement. Spoke to Mr [illegible]
about taking Freddie to clinic. [illegible]
[illegible] Mrs [illegible] said it was best
place. Sent tel to [illegible] engaging
accommodation for [illegible] &
holidays. W. [illegible]. [illegible] 5.4
11 [illegible]. That Peter made a frightful
diarrhoea mess on rug in [illegible]
room, but evidently the [illegible]
that Mrs S. gave him [illegible]
tainted and C. did not [illegible]
[illegible] drawing room [illegible]
[illegible] so much blamed, [illegible] of C.
left Tues. [illegible]
[illegible] will [illegible] dreamed, [illegible]
[illegible] started to [illegible]
dreams in complete [illegible].

TUESDAY March 27th

up 6.45 Bath water not
hot so decided to take 8.34
train which I barely caught
after bathing breakfast &
away I do not like. Slight
sore throat must have been in
a draught somewhere. Got
oranges etc at Solomons &
back in Museum St. Also
[illegible] for Afr. Thought out a
lovely [illegible] day but I stayed
in my office all morning and got
no [illegible] thro my Northedon [illegible]
dictated to Miss C. for first time
for weeks. Luncheon at desk
[illegible]. Mr [illegible] what to do
with papers [illegible] for [illegible]
Signed letters. Home 5.14. Sore throat
[illegible] but throat [illegible]
[illegible] Early at station
[illegible] for Sunday. [illegible]
[illegible] " [illegible] "
[illegible] "Alright" [illegible]
[illegible] afterwards [illegible]
flowers, pictures for flat. [illegible]
[illegible] packing paper and [illegible]
did No. 2 on floor. Whipped him and
he was ashamed [illegible]

WEDNESDAY March 28th
Slept late no bath and to office
in Taxi. C. Paper disappeared
but Charlie will look after them [illegible]
Papers think end in sight in Europe and
Great progress east of Rhine. Mass
surrenders. Got [illegible] [illegible] with
Cornthwaite girl & [illegible] [illegible]. Took
pictures to [illegible] Smith. Tel. [illegible]
Gen. Spears [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] a week. Tel. Carter & told
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for Gen Spears [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] notice. Consulted
Carter about 107 Gt. Russell St.
Mr Somerset says [illegible] at 4 months a
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] for 137. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a
[illegible] letter to Pat Moyes about [illegible]
[illegible]. Appointment with Sir [illegible]
[illegible] about Alex but he [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Met C. 5.30 [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Commons 27 [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
A [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible].
Alex has [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

THURSDAY March 29

Up 6.45 Tepid bath. Took Peter out to [illegible] when he [illegible] down with a [illegible] [illegible] Charley Humphreys. Alex is taking Peter for walk [illegible] dinner [illegible] and for Tepin [illegible] of Prep. School [illegible] going back [illegible] Billingsley [illegible] [illegible] cake. Tel. [illegible] Miss about L. Britton's ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] Marshall. Out & got mince cake and renewed my [illegible] of Beard for [illegible] 13 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Emmanuel [illegible]. Went left at 10°C [illegible] bread & oranges. Lunch. Mr. [illegible] [illegible] 18 [illegible] in my [illegible]. [illegible] Country for Easter. [illegible] Turkey. [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] Street. [illegible] Parts in [illegible] relation to Richard [illegible] and [illegible] Edmonds as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] gut [illegible] [illegible] as usual. Elmer [illegible] arrived [illegible] and Anne [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] electric light [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] West

FRIDAY March 30th

Pleasant sunny day with a little rain in the afternoon. Breakfast with Peter and Alix at 9 o'c. Slight passage with Jeffreys who overtook and said would about take to give Alix her breakfast. Peter took care of himself also to morning plugs [illegible]. Down in [illegible] etc. I walked over to [illegible] Cut out lamps for Peter. [illegible] Spoke to [illegible] & [illegible] in [illegible] and [illegible] to Alfreda. Brian has gone back to continent. After lunch Peter & Alix took [illegible] from Studio to stables. Then I rested in bed 3-5. Down to tea. Talk to Alix about holiday plans. Peter [illegible] about going to [illegible] W. Comment about Alix's holiday and to Conduct about [illegible] visit and Peter going to Mr. T [illegible]. [illegible] After dinner listened to news [illegible] for going into Reich. Coached Peter & Alix [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]

SATURDAY March 31
Breakfast with Peter & Alice at
9 o'c. Took out ashes from
hall fire-place and lit fire for
luncheon. Down to [illegible],
Paxer and got stamps, money &
[illegible]. When I got back C.
were angry because [illegible]
sending a message by Nannie
that she would not come to
luncheon to meet Wyndhams because
she thought it would hurt Alice's
feelings to be sent over to
luncheon with Anne as extra
as C. had wished. I made things
worse by saying she
should not [illegible] Nahmil [illegible]
a [illegible] between. Paid [illegible]. Talked
Rights at luncheon. Taken up
till P.M. in Circle. Afterwards
brought Thomas [illegible] [illegible] tea.
Woodman did not come. Paxer
would not let his [illegible]
slept in [illegible] till 6. when I
slept in bed and went on sleeping
in chair through tea. [illegible] 10/-
[illegible] Church 1/-. Stamps 1/-.
cards etc. Drink before dinner.
Evening danced my old dances
till 1 o'c.

Easter Sunday April 1 1945

Breakfast with C. 9.30. Gave her black enamel bracelet. Alix went to 8 o'c. service with Nannie. Peter came to church with us at 11. Did not stay to Communion for first time in years. Find it too coloured by the idea of an exact blood sacrifice for me to hold my idea of pure commemoration, not of the death but the life of our Lord. Windy and damp with some rain and no sun. Alfreda, Diana, Philip and Francis Thynne here before luncheon and I gave them drinks. Pixie made a pool while we were at luncheon, would not eat his custard or raw meat. Put him in his basket in my room and went upstairs to bed until tea. Paid bills, [illegible] gave Peter's harness. Pixie ate his dinner. Tel. station about Peter's train and telegraphed [illegible]. C. & I drink. After dinner helped Peter about his clothes and lent him my corduroy trousers. Combed Pixie. Put clothes forward

Monday April 2nd 1945

Sunny windy day after a night of wild storm. Alis not down to breakfast. Had been going about in dressing gown w. Pyttis since 7. Each said she had not been to [illegible] Checks [illegible]. Tom has not cleaned Peter's shoes left at [illegible] time. Taylor did not come for Peter [illegible] 10.10 though his wife took the order at 8 o'c. [illegible] does not go out on Bank holiday. Papers say Stalin has suggested San Francisco. Quiet night. Allowed to let all the small nations take their share and voice in world affairs. Peter got up in [illegible] for 11.10 train. Took down curtains and pulling [illegible] of windows in passage. Walked up to E[illegible] till lunch. Peter in bed with basket at foot of bed with Papa sleeping. Down for tea w. G. [illegible] Alix cleaned ashes out of hall and dining room fire places and some [illegible] sitting room. Took Papa for walk [illegible] and back by upper road along [illegible]. [illegible] through [illegible] and talked to [illegible] about her stamps. [illegible] before dinner. After dinner worked on mending my [illegible]. Bed at 12 o'clock. [illegible] indication into the rate of eating [illegible]

TUESDAY April 3rd 1945

Lovely sunny day with cool wind. Breakfast in. G. 9.30. Spent most of morning reviewing L. Edwards. Then got Pax who had been with Scutts. First washed his feet and nose in bath. Then rubbed him dry by fire and cleaned him with cake of cleaning powder. G. after luncheon. [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] and I listened with her after[illegible] [illegible] Charles [illegible] and [illegible] discussed [illegible] and I [illegible] full and Charles [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] excavated from [illegible] basement — and then [illegible] with the pit under summer house. Finally decided to put earth in bank [illegible] and [illegible] to build concrete floor [illegible] [illegible]. Down to Basement [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] worked on L. E. Edwards. Then [illegible]. G. Alix [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] who went to [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] general [illegible] [illegible] is leaky. Alix came back without [illegible] [illegible] and late for dinner. [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] after dinner. Read Then Bed 12 o'c

WEDNESDAY April 4th
Up 6.45 Bright cold morning
turn dull. No bath.
8.34 train. Went & went
up to Armin C[illegible]'s for
dinner afterwards. [illegible] only
[illegible]. Got bread & [illegible] ad[illegible]
Aft. C's [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] at Armin C[illegible].
[illegible] J.S.R. Bruner that Alex
[illegible] [illegible] will be [illegible]
[illegible] he is giving him another
[illegible]. But J.S. Mann will
[illegible] [illegible] next Wednesday
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of bread etc. and bottles [illegible]
[illegible] Carter settling rent by [illegible]
[illegible] 5 pm. Home 5.4. [illegible]
[illegible] with C. sitting in [illegible]
[illegible]. She had been staying [illegible]
[illegible] who had come [illegible]
[illegible] slender and [illegible]
[illegible]. Both girls had [illegible]
[illegible] for health [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] had [illegible]
[illegible] Mrs. S. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

THURSDAY April 5. 1945

up 6.45. Called Alix at 7 for
breakfast but she was Complaining
and rather peevish. Warming in Q's
room where I left so did not
go in to see Cubbles. 8.37 train
Tried to [illegible] by [illegible]
[illegible] back. Nicholl [illegible]
"Wild oats in Kitty [illegible]
Brevel. [illegible] day [illegible]
him to write Lloyd George['s] Life.
He is going to Royal Infirmary
Edinburgh & hopes to get out
[illegible] about Feb.
Usual lunch at desk. Worked
on Gregory revision. Call
for Sheila Vanel. Cousin Pauline:
[illegible] Lt. Susan Rodgers [illegible]
who brought copies of [illegible]
Home 5.4. Slept tho' in carriage with
talking young soldiers. At Amersham
Station a lady & Dr Cooper's jumped
from train after it started. She said
"Can you get off William." Walk home
with [illegible] coming to stay at Manor
[illegible] first trust because [illegible] arrived
to stay at cottage with bandages [illegible]
girl had told her nothing. Bath
before dinner returned to drawing fringe
on old shawl. Continued Parcel

# FRIDAY April 6th 1945

up & bath 7.45. Telephoned to Ellison about Coal. he has none and says situation never worse owing to miners not working over holiday. I settled down at 11 o'c to work on papers and Ben Nicolson came here and spent morning. Very interesting and much depressed. Was hit on head by lorry trailer [illegible] as [illegible] on his back and broke [illegible] vertebrae. A. came while he was here. I got him some whiskey & soda. Ben in plaster collar & corset. Letter fr. Betty enjoying herself at Cullompton and letter last night fr. Captain Weeple that he is getting like a [illegible] getting some shooting. After lunch worked a bit on papers. Rested till tea time. Alix had been mending blankets so we & I carried furniture with her from studio and stacked it with [illegible]. Drinks before dinner for O. and Alix [illegible]. After dinner. Finished putting fringe on one end of old shawl. Made great effort and got to bed at 1.30

SATURDAY. April 7, 1945

Hard time getting washed and kept working up either because I slept [illegible] afternoon or because I tired my [illegible] moving furniture with [illegible]. Paper [illegible] and out at 5.20 [illegible] [illegible] Mrs S. gave him with [illegible] last night [illegible] 8 o'c. Bath. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & I went to look at it. [illegible] new collar around [illegible] but put it on with [illegible] [illegible]. Combed him afterwards, [illegible] with Brush & [illegible] [illegible] for money, stamps and [illegible]. Paid [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] ladder for [illegible] top left and [illegible]. [illegible] Paper [illegible] [illegible] & Rabbit up. [illegible]. After dinner Paid Jack [illegible] [illegible] Cards etc. Completed pay-as-you-earn form [illegible] for last year and [illegible] [illegible] year [illegible]. Tax collector about [illegible] & [illegible] for whom demand is made. Tea [illegible] Alex Russell [illegible] letter & gave him a lecture on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] after dinner. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

SUNDAY April 8th

Breakfast w. C. 9.30 Paper suggests difficulty of non-fraternisation w. Germans. Also of Patton's army has discovered German national treasure Gold, notes, art objects in a salt mine. Alex exercised over [illegible] of stone [illegible] — Emmet [illegible] [illegible] in a [illegible] [illegible]. Cold [illegible] day. Rescued Peter from [illegible] but [illegible] with Bricks. W. Captain [illegible]. Mr Miller, Mrs Brown, C. and Peter. Peter ate big dinner of [illegible] venison and [illegible] After lunch set for walk along [illegible] w. C. & Peter to say how much [illegible] has fixed up [illegible] under Plummer's [illegible]. Alex left for London and going to Ashley [illegible]. Walked all afternoon on personal and Ambulance accounts. Tea w. C. Alfreda brought Thomas over. I went to [illegible] of Embassy meeting to raise money for [illegible] stopped. Talk with Hamilton who has [illegible] going to Germany to take charge of German [illegible]. After dinner started to [illegible]

MONDAY April 9th
up 6.45 - Breakfast 8.10 -
Turned Papers over to Charles
C. + I + Peter Nicolaisen up to
Landers together. I went over
to flat - mirrors up & took
with list as program on
Lingelsheim for Ahlers course.
Got poor lip & block current at
Mailhanks. Office 12 o'c.
Signed post Hill. W. draft
letters. Lunch at desk
worked on T agna intro dictum
Mrs. Bagland called. Also Mrs.
Nead and Miss Cook. Back
to Dorchester. Met Lady Zia
number at Park Lane entrance to
Dorchester. C. out at Vienna after
luncheon. Robert Menzies all
Central Oceania. He finds Richard
impossible - & Brennan, anti-
Semitic, bitter because he has
been given no work here. Rested
C. returned about 7 o'c. Dined
in. Rendezvous. C. called on
Wrangling hats. I went to
Peter and Constance who brought
his host to Anna Petro at Ashley

TUESDAY April 10th. 1945

C. telephoned early to Messrs. Herbert Marshall & Hammond Bennis. Office 10.30 stopping at Cartier's on the way to [illegible] Lady Clark on Chinese exhibition [illegible] year. W. drafts letters etc. all the morning & lunch at my desk. Spent all afternoon [illegible] preface to Tagore's pamphlet for reading in the Bath.

[illegible] sunny afternoon and when I left the office I went for a walk in the Park along Serpentine back by Rima & all rather nostalgic. Found Cat-leg [illegible] at [illegible] Bistro. Henry [illegible] called to see C. [illegible] with [illegible] and Lillie Osborne at [illegible]. C. had ordered a car to [illegible] back but I got her to cancel it as I said I could get a taxi but it took more than an hour & it was [illegible]. A psycho-analyst [illegible]!

[illegible]

WEDNESDAY April 11th.
Another lovely day. Waited
45 minutes for breakfast
so I may be late for 10.30
appt. only. Find [illegible]
not really in [illegible] in [illegible]-
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to his [illegible]
as if dazed. At office long
talk with [illegible] [illegible] is
going [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]-
[illegible] [illegible] day on talks [illegible]-
[illegible] [illegible] at the Royal Infirmary
Edinburgh. Lunch Clarendon-
C. [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] S.
L. Oliphant [illegible] him [illegible]
his publication of his book
which never [illegible] for [illegible] as
he had [illegible] [illegible] if. [illegible]
from Japan that may make
me late for lunch. I raised
his proposal again. Home and
rested before dinner.
Thomas of Cong - [illegible]
Marshall and his wife Freda
Brilliant came to dinner. She
brought photographs of his
sculptures. Seemed very good

Thursday April 12th
up 6.45 breakfast, packed and went to flat. Hung pictures. To office with bread, cake & [illegible] [illegible] on way. Met Mr [illegible] van Tuinen [illegible]. He has been in Scotland on business about his [illegible] lamp. Mr [illegible] got [illegible] & [illegible] - [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] at desk. Talk w. Clifford who thinks nothing of Mr [illegible] & a lot of [illegible] Biggs by [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] Mallet out & found he caught his train by a minute. T[illegible] fr. André [illegible] who thinks he has found a publisher with enough paper to do his book [illegible] 5.30 Met C. on train. [illegible] at [illegible] w. Thomas. Got [illegible] from Charlie who said he had been [illegible]. Drinks before dinner. After dinner started to mend my blue drawers. [illegible] made me [illegible] to get more on [illegible]. Bed 12.15

Friday April 13th 1945

When I went to run my bath at 8 o'c Nannie told me of the death of President Roosevelt. Disastrous loss to the world. I remember him as a young man at Frances Pell's house in N.Y. We have always completely supported him. Tel. fr. Sheeyahn "Can keep Peter" Tel back that Peter could stay till Wednesday or come back whenever he liked. Washed Pax as was a pause in bath. He ate a [illegible] dish of horse meat. Nick [illegible] to offer his condolence at the "American Embassy." After lunch gave Pax a dry cleaning in Ordy in front of porch. Accounts etc. Moved garden chairs to Loggia for C. to sit & write. Worked on shovel frieze till dinner time. Drink. After dinner listened to programme in memory of Roosevelt. Star Spangled Banner. Beethoven's funeral march. Lincoln's Gettysburg address. Finished frieze 12 o'c. Very nice.

SATURDAY April 14th

Up w. Maxie at 6 o'c as he wanted to go out. Up 8.30 No bath. Took Pixie out to O. Drumspring. Got breakfast 9.30. Down to village w. Pixie stamps & money and left some cards with Beacon to mend. Made up envelopes and paid acc. Lovely spring day with all the fruit trees in blossom and daffodils everywhere. Stamped cards. After luncheon Al brought Thomas over in his first little short dress embroidered like a smock in red, on his way to station to meet Mr Merwin. W. talk about pleasing people and saying we were pleased with her letter. Spent afternoon clearing branches and stalks from compost heap so that it could be put on land. Tea with O. Bath before dinner. After watched amusing blue dinners

SUNDAY April 15th 1945
up 8 o'c. Shampoo & bath
Read papers about Roosevelt
round [illegible]. Mixed big jug
of Hock cup, and Hipany
brought Mr Mennie & Philip &
Anne over for drink before
luncheon. They were all
going to Church. This afternoon
I had a little sore throat so
I went to bed after luncheon
and slept till tea when I felt
practically all right. C. out
in Laggan meeting. I gathered
purple [illegible] & for [illegible]
fun on [illegible]. Then took
Paxie for a walk in [illegible] Park
Perfect April evening, sunny
and still with cloudless blue
sky reflected in the brooks.
They had been dredged and ugly
piles of sand and black sludge
along banks. C. & I had glass
of sherry. After dinner B.B.C.
account of Roosevelt's burial
and story by the entering of
Buchenwald Concentration Camp
[illegible] blue [illegible]
[illegible] against [illegible]
[illegible]

MONDAY April 16th
Paxes slept in the porch
for the first time last night
seemed full right. up 6.00.
No bath water. left Paxes pm
at 7.0 c. 9.34 train: got new
Season Ticket. Told Miss Magan
at American Embassy about
tickets & memoriums expenses
and then went to called him
at Mrs Reginald Smith in
Jermyn St: and then spoke of
Delicate Health. Warm day.
Bright sun. Lunch at the
Florence. Went to Soho left
Engineers. Tip fresh and few
Slight. Drizzle &c. Glory
out of expenditure, slight trouble
some time. afternoon a this.
home 5.4. Peter in train
met at Amersham. He
a good time at Cullompton
shooting riding & fixed riding
has had nothing to eat all day.
kept some custard at Chalfont
Ch. for Aunt. He seemed

TUESDAY April 17th

C. + I up to London 8.34. got a taxi at London Bridge and reached St Pauls 10.30 watched people come in. [illegible] near Mrs. Beatrice Eden came in alone but went out with Mr Attlee. Mr Winant read lesson long pause after great organ [illegible] [illegible]. This preceded by the Archbishop. The King + Queen walked slowly up + sat. [illegible] followed by Princess Elizabeth [illegible] of King. Mr Churchill looked very [illegible] with Mr Winant looking terribly sad. [illegible] Star-spangled banner, Battle Hymn of the Republic. C. + I saw the King [illegible] [illegible] to Bread St. Then we took taxi for luncheon party [illegible] at Connaught. [illegible] [illegible] Garrick. [illegible] Hall, K. [illegible] C. [illegible] W. [illegible], Alex. Green [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] my filling [illegible] [illegible] and little [illegible]. W. C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] home [illegible]. C. 6.15. [redacted] [illegible] had a long [illegible] that

WEDNESDAY April 15th

up 6.30. Heard Paxer crying again in porch. Let him out & he had diarrhoea and then came up to my room and went to sleep by my quilt. Hannie stayed in [illegible] around [illegible] I was saying good bye. [illegible] [illegible] 8.8.34 [illegible] a bit. Looked up Mayor Charlton's records and replied to General Charlton's letter. Although a [illegible] day my [illegible] cold [illegible] I kept electric fire on. Lunch at desk. [illegible] cakes, potato, milk, bread & black current. Read ms. novel by young man named Marriott. Shows promise but not good enough. Home 5.4. [illegible] after [illegible] out [illegible] from open [illegible] window. Moved about and finally settled in open country. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] C. [illegible] letter demanding help to raise money for church in Sussex. After dinner combed and brushed Paxer.

THURSDAY April 19th 1945

up 6.45 No bath. Paxie slept last night with basket not battened down but did not get out. Lovely morning and hot perfect day. Bought almond cake in Museum St. Spent most of morning writing to Bobbie Smith about the ghost stories for Rackham House. Saw Lily and Shimpi [illegible]. Mr Somerset gave me loaf of delicious whole meal bread made with stone flour un-kneaded. In the afternoon I worked on h.e. [illegible]. Joined 5.4 Evelyn, David & Anne at Victoria after dentist appointments. Got Corner seat by open window so no draft & slept well. Paxie came to meet me in hall but C. said he had growled when they tried to take him away from Charlie in Charley's kitchen. Took Jenner digestive tablets last night and had white toast instead of brown bread for breakfast & no upper digestive pains. Mrs H. M. [illegible] came for the evening. Bath in hot water before dinner. Read papers after.

[illegible]

# FRIDAY April 20th

Let Paddy out at 7 o'c and he came up to see me before I got up at 8. Hot bath water. Tel. Cook about frigidaires & cooking [illegible] & the books he gave to the granary and wants to buy. G. called up Mrs Greenman and asked her about for Sunday with her [illegible] Count George Metaxa. She was pleased but couldn't come. Charles Humphrey away ill but no one knows what is the matter. Appendicitis pains [illegible] think it may be only London [illegible] of bread & black currant. Lovely day but cooler. Alfreda and Anne and Thomas and [illegible] up to London yesterday for Jean Haygarth's wedding to [illegible] today. Nanny brought Thomas back this afternoon but A. stayed up for a [illegible] I spent afternoon cutting dead branches off [illegible]. Mrs Parsons [illegible] our left today and new [illegible] head cook arrived with her red-headed boy.

G. weeding Thomas's [illegible] all the underlying [illegible] among other things and different sorts of sedum [illegible] fact

[illegible]

SATURDAY April 21st 1945

Another cloudy day with bright sun but cold wind. Up 7.30 and bath. Breakfast in. Poker at 9 o'C. Nannie spent night at cottage sitting up with Thomas who seemed ill. They gave him castor oil and he seemed all right today. Down to town & got stamps & cash. Went at Black Horse and [illegible] new collar that Mr Bacon had been mending. Made up envelopes and paid men. Stamped cards. Peter went off on his bicycle in the afternoon with cake and a bottle of pop drink. I went down. Spent after lunch & paid Jack Boswell & Morris & then latter Charlie Humphrey's money as he has been away all week with rheumatism in his bad leg. Cut branches of big laurel at back of tunnel [illegible] of [illegible]. Then went on cutting dead wood for last evening [illegible] at times cold. Tea in. G. Shed [illegible] of Thomas' head & [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]

SUNDAY April 22nd 1940
Another good day but cold wind
and periods of cloud. Wound
clocks. Read papers. Started to
write to David Huntington when
Alfreda, Anne, Michael & Elizabeth
[illegible] came over to see us, and Philip
joined them here later. G. was then
[illegible] post & [illegible]. Elizabeth
[illegible] has had a breakdown.
Michael limps from his wounds
[illegible] and [illegible] for
inactivity. Earlier in the morning
Peter and I looked out the [illegible] for
Sept. [illegible] to raise money for [illegible]
in Sussex. After lunch I went on
collecting things in Studio and stack
and mended the Bristol glass lamp
from [illegible] morning room. I [illegible]
[illegible] lost Paris [illegible] all day [illegible]
and yesterday. I have not [illegible] it
[illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] since I [illegible]
on [illegible] Friday P.M. They
say that new [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. After tea G. and
I [illegible] through arrangements for [illegible]
for Donald Robertson with [illegible]
Drink before dinner. After went out
to hear nightingale. Didn't [illegible] get out
[illegible] [illegible] Sunday [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Peter [illegible] about. G. [illegible] [illegible]

MONDAY April 23rd 1945

Carol slept in bassinet in my room as she had not contained herself. Sat up in same bed in porch. Heavy frost but more sunshine and strong breeze today. Cecily Mathews at station. Had meeting under Tee: Team delayed by [illegible] there at X's hospital [illegible] Cox's and [illegible] rest day. Read at Gibbons'. Papers tell of fighting in Berlin where Goebbels says he is remaining with his wife and 7 children. But papers say his wife is on Swiss border trying to escape. Dictated letters. [illegible] They have no news of [illegible] [illegible] at desk. Mrs Summer[illegible] here. Mr. West went to funeral of Stuart of Pabey & Fowler accidentally killed on [illegible] ground. Clipped [illegible] there are still plenty of [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] chaps. [illegible] [illegible] Williams about [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] by Mrs [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] helping Allen with [illegible] garden as he has had [illegible] and is crippled with gout. [illegible] has given notice to go to Scotland [illegible] after [illegible] account of his health. [illegible] come to see about [illegible] [illegible] in cottage. [illegible]

TUESDAY April 24th.
More frost last night. Ached
most again for breakfast to try &
reduce appendicitis symptoms.
7.34 train. RUSSIANS capture POTSDAM
Bought cakes. Can't buy oil &
...ate of sodium chloride. Long
call fr. Mrs F. coming about . . &
Stepheart Kennedy's kiss. 2 Mrs
Eddy. She is doing helpful
work but I shall have to go
over her revision carefully
myself. Usual lunch at desk
w. Max under 1.17.6. She has
lost her return ticket.
W. Townsend about electric cooker
Miss Cumming called with her husband
just back fr. imprisonment in Germany
Cured Dunkirk. Says conditions bad
but saved by Red + parcels. Home 6.t
Evelyn in car, stopped me to remind me
... for gift shop which I must write by
... but ... to ... Becky's
basket of duck fr ... Beech.
Spencer - Vivien Asquith invited
themselves to luncheon at ... Cottage
with Emily on Thursday. Tefford
has given notice to leave with
Mrs Scotland. Pelham last night.
Packed pictures for flat.

WEDNESDAY April 25th

C. out up to London. Very cold in early morning. Peter telephoned later when he had collected his laundry. Dropped C. at P. early to have hair washed. Then to Guy Smith & off - pictures and paper tapes and metal green candlesticks. Bat - changing [illegible] etc Maitland - [illegible] at 8 [illegible] doing well in our garden. Back to office. Lunched Claridges C. Kenneth [illegible] and [illegible] to talk about Alex. He is giving him another chance. Saw Oliphants, Eddie Knoblock [illegible] Elvers. Met Peter at my office and got him an [illegible] at [illegible] Robinson. Five gloves at Spalding and a cake. He left for school at 4.45. Met C. [illegible] 5.30 after she had been to matinee of Somerset Maugham's Circle. [illegible] Mrs Philips [illegible] Paul home in [illegible] home in taxi. Drink [illegible] bath. As we finished dinner Peter arrived! Had mistaken date. School does not open till tomorrow. Mrs S. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

THURSDAY April 26th 45

up 7 o'c + left Paxos ? at 7.30. Goodbye to Peter. Few drops of rain during morning. Eat seed cake. Central Shelter [illegible] lifted. Long talk with Coldgetter about old accounts etc. for balance sheet purposes. Lunch at desk. Read [illegible] by John Edes, [illegible]. Worked on [illegible] and [illegible] + [illegible] from 5-4. C. told me [illegible] dream. [illegible] did not come because of rain but C. [illegible] Mrs Schofield to make the pudding after she had [illegible] to make it yesterday [illegible] [illegible] that it would have been an insult to Mrs [illegible]. A [illegible] was glad to have the Brown's friend Dennis [illegible] to dinner. Bath ex after dinner [illegible] of [illegible] 3 the children's expenses. [illegible] [illegible] and played with C.

FRIDAY April 27th
up 8 o'C. No bath water
Papers say great break up
in Italy and confusion among
anti-Germans. Chur[illegible] despised
Berlin encircled & utterly de-
stroyed. Spent morning and
afternoon reviewing Lionel [illegible]
Reminiscences. Pleasant desultory
accounts of experiences and
recollections of a sporting artist
with illustrations & will make
up into a pleasant book. Very
tired by the end of the day.
Charley Humphrey called. Jill
Lily is better but not well
and never will be. Doctor says
he ought to give up work but he
wants to go on and I will
spare him all I can. I felt
very tired in the afternoon. Out
to the Geese. Charley & I put the 2
goslings hatched [illegible] & then out
in field with other [illegible] they got
on together all right. Drink before
dinner. No appetite. Think that
fish we had for luncheon was [illegible]

SATURDAY. April 28

To bed early last night and in bed nearly 9 hours. Up 8 o'c. Mrs Hook let [illegible] desk. Read paper. [illegible] reports what. No solution yet at Poland in San Francisco. Very worrying. Down to square for money & stamps. Made up envelopes and paid men. Dowell away w/ diarrhoea, & C. [illegible] w/ Rheumatism. Very cold windy day with streaks of sun and drops of rain. After lunch reconciled cheque book statement. Paid bills. Sent in my vote for Harvard overseers etc. Spent rest of afternoon mending my [illegible]. Got out after tea and looked at my light-little garden things. Drinks before dinner. Read papers. Radio [illegible] of [illegible] offers by [illegible]

SUNDAY April 29th. 1945
Papers full of peace rumours and reports, no confirmation of either and rumours of death. To bed early again last night and think I feel better for it. Stopped eating oranges to try to relieve upper dis gets [illegible] wound clocks. [illegible] 1 to Church. Very cold through day mostly raining. My four smallest goslings killed by rats last night. Copied out team letters of letter [illegible] A. Barnes and [illegible] draft reply. Paxas caught in rain and I dried and brushed him by fire. [illegible] draft letter to Dr [illegible] Robertson to send re. Auggie [illegible] Verner's Master [illegible]. Tel. [illegible] Lady Robertson to get if [illegible] wear tail coat at wedding. Tel. [illegible] Mathias off to Vienna as interpreter next week. Put Paxer to bed in Vienna [illegible] bed [illegible]

MONDAY April 30th 1945

Drove early 7 o'c & let Pater out: He was getting up but had not got off his feet. Very heavy frost last night. C. off up to Bundar. Meadows white like snow, and there was ground in some parts. Mussolini and his mistress lynched and bodies exposed in Milan. C. recognized Winnie Talbot in our carriage not having seen her for 45 yrs & we had a little talk. She took luggage to Dorchester & I went to office. Lunch Dorchester C. & Lilian & Marguerite. Hair cut Burgess & spoke to Jack Bilbo at his art shop. Back to office, C. went to Freeman's and then to see Countess Roberts who praised to her a daughter of Ogden Hammond and first Italian of Lonnie Star. To Dorchester 5:30 Rested. Dined there C. and then a evening with the Wesley. She is still suffering from sensitive skin caused by spraying of sulphur-infested M.&B. Drunk stains. No heat

TUESDAY May 1st 1945

Darkness. Still very cold. Papers hint of sharp differences with Russia at San Francisco. Stalin trying to pick a quarrel. Office 10.30. Discussed settlement of air-raid shelters with Wint, who is dealing very competently with Kensington Borough Council. Mrs Clark has borrowed for Bill a copy of 14 ghost stories "Nine o'clock 13 tales" containing Bentley "[illegible]" wh. Rickword [illegible] wants to include in an American volume of his supernatural tales. Met G. at Bucklands & dined with G. at [illegible] & gin at Albion. Back to office & had lunch at desk. Letter from Martin Skinner with copy of letter to Malaya IV as far as the two novels of W. Davis Huntington, enclosing $50. Appointment with Mrs Sandeman and told her what I cared about the lady. Back to Dorchester. G. returning & had tea downstairs. Dined at 83 [illegible] dinner with G. and Mr Jentsch, Anglo Russian films. Talk Robertson affair.

[illegible] until 11 O'C & baby [illegible]

WEDNESDAY May 2nd 1945 —

Germany announces death of Hitler fighting in Berlin. Admiral Doenitz [illegible] proclaims himself Fuehrer and says the fight will go on. Brushed [illegible] [illegible] which I think will do. Office 10.30 Lunch at desk. [illegible] having lunch. [illegible]: Sailor Special. W. Billy Huntington in Germany. W. Mrs Crowther who has a British Blue [illegible] [illegible] which we must name Vicky. W. Evelyn Murray on death of his son Tony. W. Mostyn Skinner. Out and got a paper [illegible]. [illegible] Ribbentrop [illegible]. Call for MacDonald Bill. Back to Kensington about 6.30. E. had tea in [illegible]. Fuchs [illegible] and was sitting waiting in room. Richard [illegible] [illegible] dinner alone. Then sat for a bit on balcony. Saw [illegible] & went down to join them. Official announcement of surrender of all German armies in Italy. Finished reading Anna Kavan's "I am Lazarus" Tales of the insane and [illegible]

WEDNESDAY MAY 3rd 1945

up. 8.0°C. Papers report deaths of Hitler & Goebbels. C. hoping luncheon with Pip and his going on to Frau Sussmann. Office 10.40. Busy doing Smuider diary. letter Mr. Peter promoted. Miss M'Leod has a cold and Mr Somerset away ill. W. Potter. Read N.S.A. back on Election ... copy. Lunch at desk. worked on R. Edwards. Stayed on at office till 5.30. Papers tell full of Hamburg ... Back to Dakehurst 6.15. C. had had a good session with Frau Sussmann who said she liked me. She pleased C. by saying that really ... her. Posted. Dined with Gladys Robertson & joined by Arnold after. Noticed Hungarian ... and her tall ... Arnold talked about Shakespeare etc. he seems to know well. Pip told C at lunch that he has heard that Stalin's ... Hitler is for Russian consumption

FRIDAY May 4th.

Cold & bright morning;
Came out [illegible] early to
visit [illegible] Papers
till [illegible]
office 10.45. W Alix in-
[illegible] rather [illegible] at
Ashley and out [illegible] P.C. to [illegible]
Took glass [illegible] & Pretty
Plenty pictures & flat. Found
[illegible] on [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Glancie [illegible]
[illegible] by her father [illegible]
[illegible] C. [illegible]
Back to office. Call [illegible]
Read [illegible]
[illegible]. Back to Dorchester
and C. [illegible] to Mama's. We arrived
just as she did. She was upset
because Cory, who was there
already, had not kept Puffin;
who had left 15 minutes before
Donald [illegible] came with
young man called [illegible]. We
[illegible] a car back to Dorchester
C. & I [illegible] but [illegible]
[illegible] Donald and gave [illegible]
[illegible] Vernie [illegible]

SATURDAY May 5th 1945
Raining day but not so cold.
up late and spent morning
packing. Papers full of German
surrender in Holland & Denmark.
Robertson family having luncheon
when we went with girls
room. Freda Rushmore and Isabel
Speirs had telephoned that both
had colds and could not
come to wedding. I had cleaned
up my silk hat and had
my morning coat pressed.
We had a car for the afternoon
wedding St. Peter's Eaton Square.
We were in 3rd pew behind Spanish
and Belgian Ambassador. I did
not wear a coat and felt very
cold. Bride wore an [illegible] dress
of striped blue & white brocade
and made a handsome [illegible]
figure. Sir Donald looked
very happy. We took Violet &
Elizabeth to house in Chelsea
Square. Nellie St Germans &
Ozzie Dickinson were the only ones
we knew. I took V. & E. home in car
& I changed my hat & home 5.10
[illegible] Mattie & joined me in Canada
[illegible] on her way to Vienna. [illegible]

[illegible] after dinner. Spent evening [illegible] Dutch [illegible]

Made up [illegible] envelopes. Mr [illegible]

SUNDAY May 6th 1945

up 7 o'c and let Paxas out. Back to bed but Paxas soon came up, climbed on bed and kept licking my face - then fell asleep against my neck. C. & I breakfast 9.30. Rainy morning. Warm clothes. Read paper - report [illegible] Daladier Renaud. Blum Schuschnigg freed. Read paper. Molotov making trouble at San Francisco. Warning to Churchill to win their prisoners of war found in hospital. Relief [illegible] [illegible] at. Walked w. Cook & Townsend about electric cooker. Paid bills. Made out April accounts for Amberley & personal. To see Nicol & gave him his money. Ill all week in [illegible]. Took Paxas for romp in orchard. Walked around garden w. C. After tea made out April extra ex P. Dick. After trying [illegible] kissed C. [illegible] goodnight. Carried Paxas.

MONDAY May 7th 1945

Papers increasingly shouting V story but it seems rather spread out which is a good thing. up 6.30 & let Pater out. Father aired over breakfast. Cold grey morning. 8.34 to London Bridge. Letter fr. Matson of Helsinki Finland. Leslie Hartley seems to be buying a place in the country. Pixton Park Dulverton. W. Martin Skinner about his Ezra Pound poem. Lunch at desk. Long call fr Tom of Black O. & Till, says he cannot make any profit out of N. & M. according to regulations. Papers announce unconditional surrender of Germany and flags out on buildings and crowds round Downing St. Alix has bad cold and is cross because I say she must take care of herself even if it means interfering with V day celebrations announced for tomorrow. Girls in college disturbed because so many things stolen. Jeffrey under [illegible] Alix

TUESDAY May 8th V. E. Day
Up & bath 8 o'c. Damp dull early turning to hot sunny day.
Put up big American flag over [illegible] and Alfreda hung out big Union Jack from cottage. Alfreda got out bundle of little Union Jacks bought in Church for Victory [illegible]. Alfreda and I strung the little flags on a cord and with Philip's help stretched it across the street.
Telephone from Mme La Farge asking us to cocktail party tomorrow. Decided [illegible] Peter at Amberley Station. 2 days holiday. He arrived before lunch. Spent afternoon repairing strike on my travelling clock. Churchill broadcast announcement of German unconditional surrender at 3 o'c. After tea finished and dry-cleaned [illegible]. Peter and [illegible] made Victory punch of cider, [illegible] champagne, lemon & orange. [illegible] Martyn and Pam Nicolson all came from cottage where they are staying for V day and Anne Philip and Alfreda. All very pleasant like old pre-war days. After dinner listened to King and Allied Commanders. Then out to [illegible] fires, [illegible] in the distance with guns booming. [illegible] bonfires in the field [illegible] Josephine [illegible]

WEDNESDAY May 9th 1945

up 7.45 Lovely day. Out to get lamp to replace one in Jeffries' room that was broken. Found new concrete floor flooded. Spoke to Charlie about it & said to [illegible] it. Came up from the ground as he knew it would and told someone. I told him I was very angry that he had not told me. Arranged things because Cook had lost the rings that hold shades on lamps that he repaired. Then Peter cleverly mended Jeffries' broken lamp. After lunch got out old leather bound books that I want to try to sell, mostly bought at Burdett Coutts sale. Alex left for London and Peter pushed his suit case in a hand cart as there were no bicycles available. Peter, Bob, Mr. Marilyn & Pinkie left. Peter left by 4.[illegible] bus [illegible]. after [illegible] tea [illegible] worked on books [illegible] [illegible] etc. after dinner [illegible] alone. Listened to news and [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

THURSDAY MAY 10TH

Up 9:45. Asked C. to put [illegible] in [illegible]'s room when [illegible] come as [illegible]. Changed at [illegible] [illegible] 12:30. [illegible] and [illegible] Peter's [illegible] things. Got [illegible] for me. [illegible] MacDonald [illegible] for [illegible] Books. W. [illegible] Company [illegible] that I [illegible] what [illegible] Lunch [illegible] at [illegible]. Read Mr. Talk Mr. S[illegible] about future [illegible] no agreement [illegible]. Home 5.4 [illegible] evening C. out [illegible]. Disagreeable because 18 [illegible]. Bath. After dinner [illegible] to get her to take an [illegible] idea [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and she [illegible] [illegible] go to [illegible] in London. She [illegible] the house and finally [illegible] [illegible]

Friday May 11th, 1945.

Cool misty morning turning into hot day. Bath & breakfast in 9.9.30 all serene. She recd two letters; Mrs Scarland owes 13 lbs of tea! Talk C. Humphrey about stall near cement floor! He thinks it will be all right. Told him to cut windows in doors for ventilation. Talk Chaney about cement floor wh. he seemed less pessimistic about. Arranged to sell Erbushnert 29 in. garden for 14/- each to Symons. Got hold of letters & Petrol control re. 1st Ch. Blakeney and my red pair of golf shoes mended by Baker. Mr [illegible] was talking to Bubbie Shearlis home fr. prison camp. After lunch picked beech from chute and put them in big brown jar in hall. Went on cataloguing books [illegible] ... Took [illegible] cable fr. [illegible] asking C. G. to try to get question appointed at Fairgate. C. H. tea Octavius arrived before dinner in car from London. [illegible] on taggle. After dinner [illegible] in sitting room with fire. Evening cool after day of heat. [illegible]

SATURDAY May 12th 1945

C. [illegible] breakfast 9.30. Both
wrote [illegible] [illegible]. Then to
Mr Scarland [illegible] is [illegible] using up
all the coal. Tel. West [illegible] golf 1-
Kath goes off to play golf. 7 d. Cash
about [illegible] [illegible]. Down to
Square for beer money and stamps.
Made up envelopes and paid them.
Kath goes back for golf [illegible] for
lunch. Down to see [illegible] [illegible]
about [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
at church [illegible]. Worked
all afternoon catalogueing my books
for sale. Tea [illegible] [illegible] O'Sh[illegible].
Osborne and C. visited before tea.
Finished [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Day. [illegible] finally [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
his dinner. Papers [illegible] [illegible] notes.
[illegible] [illegible] Evening. [illegible] [illegible]
C. thinks he [illegible] be [illegible]
was criminal. I don't approve
of any exclusion – and I do not
[illegible] any deliberate specific
crimes of [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of country [illegible] [illegible]
me [illegible] [illegible] war. Contrast [illegible]
[illegible].

SUNDAY May 13th 1945

Got breakfast 9.30. Wound clocks. Put arm band on my coat for Air Raid Wardens standing down at Church with special constables, Home Guard, Fire Guards all out. Together Luckman, Lockhart, [illegible] Lockman, Dollymather, Sexton Smith, Wells, Perkins, Mrs Sexton Smith. A. to Church w. E. [illegible] [illegible] the Sailors [illegible] I bought [illegible] at Jacquier's. Sherry and [illegible] before luncheon. 10/- [illegible] had a [illegible] that he must [illegible] this afternoon. I picked [illegible] and [illegible] for Billie to take back. Tel. West to cancel [illegible] engagement to play golf this afternoon. Found [illegible] had not paid for yesterday [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Strolled list of things [illegible] at another. Tea with E. very pleasant.

Took down flags and put them away in [illegible]. Hans Taucher has a temperature and they fear measles. So Warwick sleeping [illegible] tonight. Pat [illegible] two years [illegible] is getting [illegible] bed [illegible]

[illegible]

# MONDAY MAY 14th

Lovely bright morning. 8.34 train. Porter trying to get him to station and Maude Porter took him back. Changed at Farnham & bus for Kingston Bridge. Office 10.30. Call from [illegible] williams re p. b. o Ebony. Call from Vera [illegible] about book [illegible]. She proposes to take [illegible] from Australian [illegible] friend. Mr Ferringer [illegible] [illegible] able to come back on Mr West [illegible] to [illegible]. Call from Alex [illegible] well for as [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] as [illegible]. No sign of [illegible] to [illegible] out & [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] out [illegible]. Tel. from Mrs Newman. Pleased when I told her [illegible] of royalty cheque 1748. [illegible] W. Thirlecliffe re frontispiece for Tales for Ebony. W Mrs [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] with [illegible]. Home 5.4. G. [illegible] Mrs S. [illegible] a [illegible] German and she [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

TUESDAY May 15th

up 6.45. Jefferies and Mrs Spafford leaving today. Advised G. not to go & say goodbye or send after them. Let them come to their own accord if they want to. Office 10.25. Dictated letters & attending Meeting. Stevens. Mr Fenwick came to see me about his job & he can get out of Fire Service. Lunch at desk. Tel. fr. Jean MacGibbon about her book. She is much pleased. Has come back to her flat. Lashbrook got me some honey. Home 5.4. Met Mrs Cushion at Amberley station and came with her in taxi. Great sense of relief that Mrs Spafford & Jefferies have gone. Neither said goodbye. I made up good wood fire quickly and easily in boiler. Evidently had rained in the night. Dined. Sent Mrs Crook and Jessie home together. Everyone needed blue [illegible]

WEDNESDAY May 16th
up 6.30 helped Mrs Gosling(?)
with fires. Passed Parcel
from Bruce for a little visit.
Coal arrived [illegible]
By 17 [illegible] for Sunday [illegible].
[illegible] 1/2 lbs. [illegible]
St Peter Phillips as [illegible]. in
[illegible] May. [illegible] talk Paddy [illegible]
Royal N[illegible]. Checked [illegible]
agreement for Ft. Barracks and
U.S.A. [illegible]. Mr West away
probably on Jury duty. Lunch at
desk [illegible] Mrs A. no good.
Spent afternoon looking through
"Elephants" [illegible] "Bands"
and went to him. Home 5.4 and
slept [illegible]. Found Pat asleep in
[illegible] cot. I hope he will not catch
measles from David. Bath water very
hot [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]. Took [illegible]
[illegible] Mrs Gosling prepared [illegible] Pat
was too sleepy to [illegible] after day playing
with Bruce [illegible]
[illegible] Alfred and [illegible]
[illegible]
9 [illegible] from Mrs Gosling [illegible]
[illegible] Pat [illegible].

THURSDAY. May 17th 1945
Dull morning turning fine.
Bath & up 8 mi. C bus 9.10.
Evelyn at station only they have
made £193.. at shop [illegible]
[illegible]. E.C. irritated before [illegible]
Tennis [illegible]. She wanted [illegible] thing.
She [illegible] for permanent [illegible]
and appointment [illegible] Fenn
[illegible]. Office 11.10
[illegible]. [illegible] at
desk. [illegible] Baby Gregory's [illegible]
group of Cook [illegible] and [illegible].
Mrs Gough. Tel fr. Bird who
thinks we might get 107
Fenchurch [illegible] that was [illegible]
own. He is [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible]. W. [illegible] Peter
took home cakes and Mr
Francis Champagne, brought from
France [illegible] his Flask. Home 5.30
[illegible] C. in train when she had an
[illegible] experience with a cad who
would not let her reserve a corner seat
for me. Drink before dinner. [illegible]
[illegible] ill with measles and [illegible]
[illegible] not taken out. Mr Plummer, and Mr
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Friday MAY 18th 1945

Heard Paxse [illegible] at 80°c. Found him up and standing in porch having met [illegible] mat, [illegible] to have had sleep [illegible] as he will always smell [illegible] his bed into [illegible] where I [illegible] window open. Long talk with Mr [illegible] coming to the Sunday [illegible] Mrs Cook [illegible] has [illegible] a bottle of whiskey for the golf [illegible] I was [illegible] and letter from Mrs Barclay will come to tea tomorrow. Alfreda say Annie [illegible] has come out [illegible] back but looks very [illegible] after his illness. Worked a little on Lady [illegible] Journal, [illegible] section. Could not get Paxse [illegible] after tea so went down to [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible] out [illegible] and [illegible] from old [illegible] and [illegible] to make [illegible] got covered with [illegible]. Up to house and put back [illegible] into [illegible]. Then cleaned leather [illegible] boots [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] after tea. [illegible] [illegible] sleep. [illegible] 100°c I [illegible] [illegible] back [illegible] and [illegible] I [illegible]

[illegible]

SATURDAY May 19th 1945

Up 7 o'c and let Pastor out – a pool spreading out under door. Evidently he drank too much water last night. Back to bed and bath at 8 o'c. B.–T breakfast at 9.30. Dull and cool weather turning hot and fine in late afternoon. Down to square in. Was in shed. Got stamps money and a little [illegible]. No [illegible]. Made up envelopes and paid men. Alex arriving from London and shot up to N[illegible]. Call for Corn with electric lamp for office [illegible]. Search looked in. Told him about pipes to be repaired. Paid workmen cutting up tree down by pond. Told him not to cut up last 2 stumps but keep it for chopping block. – Piled up [illegible] on window sill in N. room to clear it for tea. Took warden's plot to Edgar [illegible] [illegible] Ole coming. Came over with Josephine. She has come down to take care of Ann and will stay here. Cut potatoes & cheese for Saturday's [illegible] with Mr Quirling who has come over for Sunday. Mr Vera Tuesday to tea with Mr Rice & Mr Hoffitt. Tea [illegible] there in playing field. Drink.

[illegible]

SUNDAY May 20th 1945

Up and let Paxol out at 6.45 He was still in his bed and had not done anything. I went back to bed but could not sleep. Got up about 9 but too late for bath. Day settled into light rain. Fire in sitting room. Read Observer. Tito intransigeant in Trieste. Paxol sitting in chair in kitchen, w. [illegible] etc. Brought Paxol into sitting room for [illegible]. Lunch old fashioned beef joint. Alix in [illegible]. After lunch A. had Thomas in sitting room for a time. I went in an [illegible] w. Captain Hughes about Peter coming next summer by [illegible] etc. Gave Paxol a dry powder shampoo in [illegible] and while I was in the middle of it Mrs Croucher and Raphael arrived with Vicky – a perfect little British Blue kitten – but not [illegible] and [illegible] like [illegible]. After tea I took Raphael to see my [illegible] Paxol and [illegible]. I drank before dinner Sarsaparilla and Gin. Paxol agitated with curiosity and affection over Vicky. Spent evening introducing him. Elizabeth [illegible] had [illegible] in cottage but [illegible] talking with [illegible] [illegible] we went to bed.

Whit Monday May 21st. 1945
Vicky slept on Chair in C's room.
Lovely sunny morning. Let Paxa out
at 7.45 very affectionate. Succeeded
in making Vicky Specimen No 1 in the
tray, but later one old No 2 on
C's shoulder! Continued introduction
of Vicky & Paxa with Nannie, Josephine
Alex & C. assisting outside when dry
rather poor. Bells received. Went thro'
Lady Gregory's Coole section.
Paxa found his way in. Dear Vicky.
Elizabeth Clue came over left. C. has
arranged for Cookie to live here,
and get her bath in evening & and
week ends. After lunch read proof
of Togna's Essence in the Bible
pamphlet. Raked old dead grass that
Newell left when he scythed Grass lawn.
Paxa & Vicky assisting. Tea. C. & Alex
read typed copy of C. Edwards' outline
of his Summerhill. C. planning
clothes for Alex to make at
... Michael Teeth news
back from Germany - prisoner of war.
Paxa is great ... of style
over Vicky. She was sick on
Window seat but ate her food for
dinner. After dinner read papers.

TUESDAY May 22nd 1940

Up 6.30. Water hot so took a bath. Let Paxie out at 7.45. 8.34 to London. Bus fr. London Bridge. Office 9/10.30 Heavy accumulation of letters etc. Tel. Robin Draper [illegible] [illegible] to Garrick Club for his election. Lunch Claridges Brunch. Says privately that Winant is so slow you can't get anything out of him. Says Poland looked down her eyelids and [illegible] agree that neither Poland, Italy, or France are entitled to any consideration. Telegraphed Baroness Blixen but it was returned by the P.O. Out fr. Crusader [illegible] and Adam a delightful little boy of 3 a regular Buddy cum [illegible]. Crusader looked fine but [illegible] stricken. Home 5.30. Walk from W. Head and pulled up docks of which there are four. G. says Vicky has been perfect and very lovely. After dinner re. hall going to trim their whiskers. Paxie still

[illegible]

WEDNESDAY May 23rd

Got up to London. Martin Hamil at station to see Dorothy and her husband off. Travelled 1st class. Pouring with rain when we reached Victoria. Taxi to flat. Drains promised to wait but stopped when we were in it. Left D. at chemist & tried to get a taxi in vain. Left her there to get a private car & took a bus. Later she tel. that sun came out & she walked to Edgware Road before she got a taxi. Tanguay at office and we might have his pamphlet. Out & got bread and lunch at office. W. draft letters. W. Mathers [illegible] — John Mathias about the Anatomy [illegible] Rees. Evans letter to Whitney about his new post. X 3 Return to Malvern [illegible] 5:30 train. [illegible] had luncheon [illegible] & went to Dashwood [illegible] half [illegible]. I reached town & [illegible] [illegible]. 3 [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] & got [illegible] just as she arrived here.

THURSDAY May 24th 1945
up 6:30. Ate out - Papers very
[illegible]. Cold day. Harris
at 9. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
office 10.25. Tel. Carter about [illegible]
Long call from Sidney [illegible].
Expects to get out a [illegible] by
New Year. [illegible] Oliphant
arrived 12.15 and we went over
his book and illustrations. Then
luncheon at Garrick Club.
Steward told me that [illegible] [illegible]
were planning to set up in London a
[illegible] [illegible]. Now [illegible] is [illegible] an
apartment house (in Cheltenham ?).
Back to office and finished work
[illegible] about 4.30. [illegible]
called for her allowance. Says has
[illegible] and is not coming down
this Sunday. Just caught 5:30
train. Very fine [illegible] left in
station road - much better than
last year. [illegible] out [illegible] Charlie
[illegible] he was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
by Canadian man & woman. Gave
them big plate of fish got for me [illegible]
[illegible]. Slept in chair [illegible] Vicky
[illegible] up [illegible] [illegible]. Then [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Friday May 25th 1945

up 6.40 to see Paxos – had not been sick in night: touchingly affectionate. Tied up old shirts of Peter's and sent them to him for potatoes. Papers confirm last night's radio: Himmler caught and committed suicide. Breakfast w. G. Depressed and angry that H. Marshall sent back the Turgenev play w. out comment. Nearly turned on me. Built fire in sitting room and at last settled down to work 11.30. Continued letter to Marlyn Stevens about first instalment of Letter V. Brushed Paxos in preparation for visit of Viola who came to luncheon. Then read her letter fr. Marjorie – talked books. She much admired Paxos. After she had gone G. & I up to rest and I slept till 5.10. She was kept awake by Vicky's purring. Tea w. G. & then just settling down to work when Michael Roth arrived, looking brown & handsome. Fixed him up w. developing room in cottage cellar. Drinks before dinner. Coach hunt for Paxos after dinner. Read papers. Death of Himmler

SATURDAY May 26th 1945

Michael Roth breakfast in his room. G + I downstairs breakfast together 9.45. Rainy day but fine spells. Down to square for stamps money, fees & refills for G's slippers. Made up [illegible] & paid mine. W. Inchcombe. Took people at Graham's singing about Scott & Newell whom I believe were ~~[illegible]~~ exempt. Michael showed G. a crazy letter he has written to Vincent Massey. Seems rather unbalanced but did not tell him so. After lunch stamped cards. P.d Wardens. Raining & brought Rose in. Went on with letter to Marty. Michael went to [illegible] with friends and Anne also got chemicals for developing his photographs. G. had tea alone [illegible] W. letter to Marty. [illegible] drinks before dinner. Michael [illegible]. Told us at dinner that [illegible] have alienated his friends by copying

SUNDAY May 27th 1945
Spoke to Charley before breakfast about cleaning kitchen chimney and leaving Paxel while C+I are away. Wound clocks. Fixed bracket to hold ladder in passage outside my door. Philip Anne and Josephine going to Scotland and are [illegible] Alfredo + T. should [illegible] here as Mrs Haydock is leaving. C. & Alfredo and Thomas in sitting room. I sat in my bedroom in [illegible] [illegible] and finished letter to [illegible] Cecils C of Hand Michael. [illegible] thinks he is in a [illegible] breakdown and Alfredo thinks he is mad. He has been developing his photographs all day. Rested in bed all afternoon. Down for tea and saw flat in my room again and W. [illegible] Blacklin. Paxel in bed. C + I drinks - gave Michael a glass of sherry. After dinner Michael showed a photograph he had just printed. Combed Paxel's tied patches.

MONDAY MAY 28th 1945

Temper 60°C. up 6.45 and at [illegible] dept. Kitchen full of smoke. Chimney needs cleaning. Charley had quarrel with [illegible]. Michael up to [illegible]. [illegible] Charley. Sent Chippy Black Sulphur and Calomel powder for onion blight. Office and invoicing cheques etc. Then out at [illegible] our [illegible] at my [illegible]. Alastair made C. very affectionate. Lunch at office. J. A. [illegible] Sister [illegible] about Alix staying out late with soldiers. Made appointment with Mr Summer about Alix. W. [illegible] Bus home. C. having tea [illegible] finished. Then [illegible] Evelyn Williams [illegible] dinner. Dramatic and touching [illegible] approach [illegible] as a little boy [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. C. happy and affectionate. N. [illegible] [illegible] Street. Bed after 12.

TUESDAY May 29th 1945

Breakfast in, up 6.45. Mended trousers. Cold sunny morning

Left dog at [illegible] a finished [illegible] 10 o'C

Called [illegible] Sister [illegible] at

[illegible]. Alix is staying

[illegible] late at Camden and coming

back with Annie [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Dais and make

[illegible] with the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] at

[illegible] C. & the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] still [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] at [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Signed [illegible] etc.

[illegible] but Mrs [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

WEDNESDAY May 30 '45

Breakfast 40 minutes coming office 10.30. Call fr. Crumpacker about Emp. Hist. Uno. Call from [illegible] about [illegible] & [illegible] White about Mrs Sussman. Tel. fr. Cramer & [illegible] Weekend. Lunch at desk. Call fr. Schnug & Mrs Stabby [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Talked to [illegible] about Wilson [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] Oliphant [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] letters [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by Mr [illegible]. Home [illegible] Dan Christie 6.30 [illegible]. Dinner Schnug, [illegible], Ethel [illegible] Mrs [illegible] [illegible]. Mr [illegible] Hodgson, [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], Lady [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] talked to [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] British [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

THURSDAY. May 31 1945

Lovely sunny morning. Posted and [illegible] at 11 o'c [illegible] letter to Marilyn Skinner [illegible] in R. Edmunds [illegible] nearly ready for press. [illegible] for Mr. Moore's [illegible] Chancellor - 17 yrs younger than his brother in [illegible] - a nice creature. Dined at desk [illegible] brown bread + hot milk. 3 o'C. appointment with Frau Sussmann. Saw Frank Margesson very tall and handsome tonight. He was Georg's [illegible] Austrian protégé. She is living there, and Guy is coming back to live there. Told Frau S. about [illegible] and left a memorandum of her feelings. Also spoke of [illegible] [illegible] and of my [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] before I left. Back to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on 6.30 train. Talkers in carriage Fat man + young man [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Friday June 1st. Just-
missed falling out w. C.
over Vicky & Nannie. A.
to spend a day in London with
Pinkie. Tell Pain about flea
brush & druggist pins. Settling
down to work in my room at
11. C. has heard from Frances
that she has become a Catholic
Worked all the morning in my room
completing revision last chapter
of E. Edwards. C. at lunch. She
said she felt very tired after picking
her flowers but [illegible] seemed
to revive her. She held Thomas
in her arms after lunch. Very dark
opaque eyes. I went to Peter.
Then back to work in my room
with Vicky on my lap. Worked on
Gregory [illegible] Jacob w. draft.
letter of Mrs Gough. Then down to
tea w. C. and [illegible]. W. [illegible]
Ackerman. Alix arrived good humour
and good complexion. Walk w. Pax
. Wild brooks. No drink. Dinner
[illegible] and Alix. Read Trine.
Pax and Vicky playing together Vicky
nonchalant. feminine. Pax teased
more catlike.

SATURDAY June 2nd 1945

Let Pax out at 7.45 in an ecstasy of affection. Breakfast w. Alex without talking as I like it. Down to grange for money, stamps & beer. Also to get Crankhurst to make missing part for coffee pot & when I got home Mrs Cowling had found it. Spoke to Mrs Caspari's nephew & he said he would tell me something about Michael. May be true that he have to give himself up in Germany. Paid Mrs Humphrey - had finished basement of Studio. Lunch C., A. & A. Nannie gracefully kept away. C. not in good mood. Talked at lunch and after about Philip's new book - sort of philosophical dialogue. A. & A. to Littlehampton to see Cinema. Paid workmen. Stamped Ins. Cards. Made out extra expenses May. Tea w. C. and Nan A. & A. returned late from Littlehampton and had some pleasant tea in hall. C. insisting on getting own cut fig branches for big vase in hall. Cut - they drooped at once. C. & I drink before dinner. Cowling brought in dinner so I was spared Nannie with her laughing and clacking remarks. After dinner read papers.

SUNDAY June 3rd 1945

Up 7.45 and let Paxie out. Breakfast 9.30. Wound clocks. Threw away fig leaves and kept any for Chris to use in hall. Took down black-out curtains from porch. C. & I to church. Put 10/- change in bag as I had no note. A. arranged chairs in benches of flowers. Mr & Mrs Kerr drove to lunch. Gave them sherry in liqueur glasses. After luncheon, [illegible] talked to me for an hour about his book on Bradford Cathedral which Cambridge Press is supposed to be publishing. I said I would write to Roberts to find out cause of delay. Took [illegible] over to cottage and across to croft. He looked at range in kitchen and electric cooker in cottage and will do what he can for us. Later took Paxie on station road and he barked at cars. I gave him red lead to use when [illegible] took Paxie for walks last night. I did not want them taken on station road. Also [illegible]. Tea in N. room and then [illegible] a nice pleasant talk with A. & A. before Alfreda went to Thame. I talked about lessons [illegible]. Fear

MONDAY June 4th 1945

up 9.45 and had
[illegible] [illegible]. Finished
breakfast and ready to
start at 8.0. Talked to [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] my desk. I
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
Clark before I got to Crocketts and
[illegible] it and mine. I [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] just [illegible] [illegible]
at [illegible] my [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Mrs Chapman
[illegible] Do you [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] me to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and
[illegible] got [illegible] [illegible] ready [illegible]
[illegible]. Alix rushed in at 12. [illegible]
[illegible] for her money. Lunch at
[illegible]. Finished A.E. [illegible] and
[illegible] to M. Went to [illegible] to
printer. Home 5.30. Pulled up
a few [illegible] on [illegible] and
[illegible] I seem to [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] well [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] to
[illegible] Olga [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] always [illegible] [illegible]. W[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] another. G. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. G[illegible]

TUESDAY JUNE 5 1945

Up 6.45. Let Paxo out and
got hot meaty Breakfast!
7.40. Walk to Station [illegible]
Caspari picking up last 2
clerks at West Ealing. Talked
in train from Hanley and
successfully re [illegible]
Office 10.30. Rev [illegible]. W
Hanley, Skinner. Lunch —
AJH with Deputy Chancellor
a mild pleasant person, wants
to be a publisher, but anti-
Semitic and Tory. W. draft
letters. Home 5.30 on quiet
seat in bus w. Caspari across
aisle. Saw Cooling at Hounslow
station. Pass & Bruce playing
in street as I arrived. Brought
Pass in and he slept on his
bed [illegible] I had to bathe.
C. cooking seems better and
happier but no change in
her habits [illegible]
[illegible] better. Dinner C.A.
Stretched letters and bed 10.30

WEDNESDAY June 6th

Rainy morning. Took Rex
to Charley's to keep him
off the road and playing with
dogs in front of church. Pulled
steps in station at 9.34
to Ramsey. Called Jacobson to
get tickets for clerk for New Scotland
Room. W. Montel and Chas. [illegible]
w. [illegible] little of [illegible]
[illegible] at desk - phones and
[illegible] Read [illegible]
20. Took Clifford who [illegible]
[illegible] Royal. Starting letter to
Mrs Stoddart Kennedy. Met
Franklin & [illegible] and replied
to Tattenham Ct. Rd. He had been
[illegible] Paul Shop [illegible]. He only
[illegible] once a week. Home
5.30 walk fr. station in the
[illegible] who had been [illegible]
[illegible]. Then picked up [illegible]
[illegible] Paxel in yard. Bath
before dinner. [illegible]
dinner [illegible]. [illegible]
because Vicky is [illegible]
Sewed buttons on [illegible]

Thursday June 7th 1945
Rainy and six o'C: I got up and
shut spray and didn't realise
time till 7 o'C. Then hurried and
got - tea: all right. Took Puss
back to Charley and he had to
follow me to Station ... Office at
9.25. Morning routine and
answered current letters
out and got a cake for the [illegible]
fete on Sat. and Miss C. got me
another. Finished letter to Mrs
Studdert Kennedy. Lunch at
Oak & read Short [illegible] W.
Lady Denman quoting Frank C.
Met Mr Curtis at flat. Drinks
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] S.S.O. Tea Victoria
and 8.7 [illegible]. Mr Head took
my bag and [illegible] and I walked
[illegible] slowly [illegible] up [illegible]
[illegible] Station Road. Talk [illegible]
before dinner. Pleasant meal [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]. Evening usual
distraction by Puss and Vicky
[illegible] election talk by Sir John
Anderson. Read at [illegible]
book on Alfred Stevens. Beautiful
[illegible] [illegible]

# FRIDAY 8th June 1945

Woken by Thomas crying at
5 and Paxos howling at 7.
Down and let him out but
shut door on Prue who has
got into habit of mischief in [illegible]
[illegible] morning. Tig jumps up and
I walk Paxos down to Charles's cottage
in my dressing gown. Bath and
[illegible] breakfast at 9 o'c.
Read remarkable article in New Statesman
by Dick Crossman, [illegible] of
English Americans in Germany
and efficiency of Russians. [illegible]
[illegible], Mrs Beecham about Peter's
[illegible] back. On [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
at 10 [illegible] to Peter [illegible] [illegible]
Miles about Peter's summer holiday
& going to Cullompton. W. Zoo about
making Peter a member, after
telephoning to Nat. Hist. Museum
and finding it closed. C. cut flowers
to sell at Fete. After lunch, cut
[illegible] grass in wood. [illegible] V. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] fresh earth. To P.O. [illegible] eg.
[illegible] Peter's [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible].
Charles [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]
hall, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; Felix [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Cleaned [illegible] [illegible], [illegible].

SATURDAY 9th June

Let Paxes out at 7 o'c. Breakfast 9.15. Looked thro' [illegible] for illustration originals for [illegible] Cathedral book. Down to Square [illegible]. Parcel for stamps & money. Paid [illegible] Charles — [illegible] washed windows [illegible]. Mrs S's room to mine & mine to hers. Replaced my clothes. Stamped cards [illegible] accounts. Present accounts [illegible] morning [illegible] intervals of sun & threatening clouds. [illegible] G. & A. & A. saved 8 [illegible] for Charles [illegible] who has been prisoner of War for 5 years. He arrived at 2 o'c. Very [illegible]. Thin and straight & little changed [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] G. & [illegible] [illegible] children [illegible] each. Down to [illegible] and [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Cath. Fit [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]. Spent [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] gin [illegible] [illegible]. G. & A. & A. and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] back to Germany [illegible] [illegible]. Worked in [illegible] Cathedral. Cleared floor after [illegible]

[illegible]

SUNDAY 10th June

up 7.30 and let Parcel out.
Breakfast w. C. 9.30. Talk
Charles Janson who learned
Russian while a prisoner is very
pro Russian while [illegible] - C.
are becoming anti. Through the
influence of Philip and [illegible].
[illegible] and Commies. [illegible] Charles
spent 1 morning translating Benois'
letter. 3 hours in [illegible] [illegible].
Rained most of the day.
After lunch talked to A. about Frau
[illegible]mann and looked at her accounts
w. [illegible] Bayes about [illegible].
She liked Mrs 3. and Y. Mrs 3. [illegible]
she ever do anything [illegible] [illegible] I am
[illegible] 7 or 8 [illegible]. Out
to [illegible] streets before and after
[illegible] and opened boxes of china etc
[illegible] for flat. I found [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] was [illegible]. Seems
hopeless yet. [illegible] before
dinner. C. & A. [illegible] my [illegible] is
a complete [illegible]. Charles who
has learned Russian while a
prisoner [illegible] makes more depressed
[illegible] people at in N. [illegible]
[illegible] and C. [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]

MONDAY 11th JUNE

After Charles Jansen and I walked to station, and up to London by 8.34 train. Cost them in tube to Tottenham Court Road, changing at Bank. Office 10.45. Read proof of Knight Newmarket Court. Chapter. Call from Mrs Robb. Her husband died of heart disease in August 1940 after an [illegible] about air-raids. She will always have a memorial show but wants me to bring the originals of my [illegible] designs. Saw Mr Edwards St George's [illegible] Square. My old friend Mr Green has retired. On to flat. Unpacked box of china for Cookie and made list of china etc. in kitchen. Spoke to Curo about gardens. Said Rupert [illegible] father Ripley has died. Back to office and [illegible] Newmarket proof off to Dighton. Dictated memo. Went to get extra allowance of paper for "Out of Africa" 5.30 train. [illegible] Cooking off [illegible] station [illegible] and Alfreds. [illegible] in [illegible] had eaten his. Planned things to take up to flat.

TUESDAY 12th June.

Dull threatening day. Up 7 o'c
moved furniture & [illegible] in
[illegible]. G. [illegible] up to London.
[illegible] time at station. C. told
her Hook family [illegible] because
[illegible] only asked 2 to help at Fete.
[illegible] for Phyllis [illegible]. B. [illegible]
[illegible] - Left glasses to be mended
[illegible] and on to office.
[illegible] luncheon with [illegible].
usual routine. Mrs C. tel. Dr.
Peter Phillips who said he had
not done anything about house
because he had been warned by
the authorities that price of [illegible]
[illegible] controlled and he thought [illegible]
[illegible] be an excise [illegible] - lunch
[illegible] with Minton friend
[illegible] Crane who wanted to [illegible]
[illegible] London [illegible] in Van Nostrand
[illegible] and carry things back
[illegible] on [illegible]
[illegible] me to Victoria in Embassy
car. Home by 2.45 train. [illegible]
[illegible] help me and cut
[illegible] to be taken to flat
[illegible]. G. [illegible] came home [illegible]
[illegible]. After dinner G. up [illegible]
[illegible] and decided on [illegible]

WEDNESDAY 13th June.

Cool sunny day. Left out Parker as usual at 7 but shut [illegible] Keep Pines out. Got Peter's coat that had been lengthened and [illegible] for G. Tel. Parker Phillips about Tony and spoke to his daughter and suggested he ought to [illegible] it at Altrincham [illegible] for once a member. Luncheon Claridge Lady Rhondda Mrs Wedgwood and Marly Stevens. All went very pleasantly and Marly engaged to Mrs [illegible] G. and Mrs W. again to tea. [illegible] [illegible] Newmarket and [illegible] to [illegible]. N. T. [illegible] about his Cathedral book. Mr Somerset [illegible] showed [illegible] Miss Reads [illegible] down 5.30 Pulled up a few daffs on station [illegible] Dr Caspari [illegible] so had to hurry. G [illegible] has got a [illegible] hat for [illegible] [illegible] Carol. G out [illegible] pets. Alfreds [illegible] his [illegible]

THURSDAY 14th June

Cool grey morning. 8.34 train
17 Bus [illegible] got [illegible]
Posted letter to Bill asking
him & his wife to dinner next
Wednesday. Tel [illegible] re [illegible]
[illegible] a hot water [illegible]
Tel [illegible] to Hampton. Tel [illegible]
Tel Pit found Helen [illegible]
apparently they have come in
[illegible] sister [illegible] 3 weeks
[illegible] old [illegible]. She
[illegible]. Tel [illegible]
daughter. W. [illegible] and [illegible]
to [illegible]. W. Bevan [illegible]
[illegible] Alix. occupied with [illegible]
[illegible] all [illegible] as [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] the week
end. Lunching at desk. Honey
brown bread, milk. Canteen [illegible]
of Salad [illegible] Salmon. W. [illegible]
[illegible] 5.30 [illegible] my
[illegible]. [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] gave me a lift to [illegible]
[illegible] only to Newcastle [illegible]
[illegible]. G. & A. [illegible]
[illegible] — After dinner [illegible]
to Ellen Wilkinson. [illegible]
[illegible]

FRIDAY 15th June

Thomas wakes me at 6 o'c. More or less slept till 8. Mr Search called about [illegible] & bills. Will clip forms & a letter [illegible]. Tel. for Tax collector about Scotts & Newells. Tel. Casey about [illegible] for apple shelves. Talk [illegible]. W.C.C. [illegible]. Tel. Casey about timber for apple racks. Worked all morning on accounts etc: After lunch W. [illegible] asking about F's baby. Spent afternoon on various accounts. Can't find Newell & Scotts [illegible] year [illegible] 1943-44. Worked on [illegible] capital account and finally got it straight at 7.30. Peter had arrived about 4.30 o'C. Tea in N. room. Drinks before dinner [illegible] Alberta tells us that [illegible] had a daughter a month ago. W. [illegible] again. [illegible]

dinner. Peter started off for [illegible]

SATURDAY 16th June

whilst dressing G. + I got into an altercation about Alex's clothing and G. said that it was a great mistake that I had her mother's brown coat + skirt made over for her. I replied to this and she said again the old sneer that I thought myself perfect. I lost my temper and cried. In the end she reiterated her old cry that she longed to be dead. Eventually we got better but she said she had an awful headache and remained shattered all day. Down to square re. Pass. fed stamps money and beer. Paid men and stamped cards. Alfreda gave me letter for Jenny Alex in sent by Sarah who had seen her. She had written a detective story. After lunch worked on accounts. Found I had got back P.A.Y.E cards for Scott + Newell. Made list of capital expenditure. Sent application for timber for apple racks. Started measuring and staking for wall west of B.C. Terrace. Telephones returned [illegible] A [illegible] worked back to cottage. Went on w. plan for wall after tea. Drinks before dinner - Redecorated [illegible]

SUNDAY June 17th

Down 7.30 a.m. & let Pagsi out. Heavy mist. Bath & shampoo. Breakfast w. C. Brian returning Tuesday and A. is leaving T. w. Nannie and going away w. B. for a week. C. making & doing something again. Peter playing bicycle polo on lawn w. Golf club. Rabbit caught. Got walk in wood & talk to Alfreda & Ann lying in sun by camp. Nannie went at length to my great relief. Philip worked in office Churches for tiling & talked about his new book. C. upstairs and I did accounts etc. w. Vicky on Hall. Think her eyes will be okay. W. Wareham called about forms from Scott & Newell. After tea went in measuring for terrace wall. Found that C. and Philip, who lots as his new job as lit editor of Contact. After dinner W. Coment & closing things & fiddled in Coal forms

MONDAY June 15th
up 6.45 Bath. got together
taxes things for Chinatown. 2 Eggs
... Mr. Breakfast. C. & I - ...
... to station and up by 9.10
train. C & Peter off ... to
Dorchester. 1st Office by ...
Peter called & gave ...
... Fraser box of stamps
... left for School 12.30. Lunch
at ... Honey & Brown bread
... Notes for Mr C. to copy etc.
... called for me at 4.20 and
we went to see Alix in her
play. She was very good
and we thought partly due to
... of ... and incomplete
... Still ... of stage
... very ...
... only ... Got back
to Dorchester. C. ...
... a ... to ... on
... Studied ...
... ...
... E. ... Back ...
and ... feeling N. ... Jack ...
... in the ... 1 ...
... ...

Tuesday June 19th

up 70°c. Looks like hot-
day. Office 10 a.m. Alexander
Gay. Rubio said everything in
[illegible] shape. Worked on Royal
[illegible] from
Dighton. Call fr. Alix [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]. She [illegible]
[illegible] after [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] dinner
[illegible] that I was glad
[illegible] her content [illegible]
so well. She says she is [illegible]
[illegible] with Fran Susannah
[illegible] Dorchester, G. & Patrick
[illegible] Nora Atkinson. Saw [illegible] and
[illegible] in Cleckerwin.
[illegible] Fran. She says don't [illegible]
[illegible] Alix [illegible] to her.
[illegible] encourage her. Back to
[illegible] and finished Royal Newmarket
[illegible] Carter [illegible]
[illegible] Back to Dorchester [illegible]
[illegible] winners [illegible]
[illegible] Missed [illegible] 16:30
[illegible] 7 and had [illegible]
[illegible] Dorchester [illegible]
[illegible] Donald [illegible]
[illegible] Woolley. Fran Susannah

[illegible] Alix [illegible]

[illegible]

WEDNESDAY June 20

up 7.30 bath first then
breakfast & shaved apply
100°C Revisions. Corrected Dalas
the Salmon. Lunch C. & the
Montgalas Dearriffs. She is,
most intelligent and charming
Met Jayde Stewart Richards
while waiting for a taxi.
Remembered E.E. but we
would not pass recognised
her. C went to fetch and
I had hair cut and
collected honey from Ath.
Evralum for Dr Peeler
Phillips. Finished correcting
Dalas the Salmon [illegible] a few
notes. To Dorchester. Visited
Dennis Harvey & Helen Bramwell
[illegible]. She is rather [illegible]
[illegible]. He has not [illegible] and
is rather deaf but looks
younger than she. Both
are both different. Saw [illegible]
[illegible] apparent [illegible] them and [illegible]
[illegible] a short [illegible] after dinner
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

THURSDAY Jan 21st

up 6.45 – Bath etc. shaved, dressed
breakfast – packed and got
to office before 10-30.
Handled mail [illegible] and [illegible] a few
notes. Then to see Whitehead
of Nat. Prov. Bank about de
Beaud estate. He met [illegible]
accountant looking into – to see that
all are [illegible] and he will
get [illegible] all within [illegible]
days. Long talk with Mr Miller
who says building trade
held up [illegible] and
[illegible]. Advised
him to stay on but said we
would take him back here
if possible in the event of his not
feeling able to carry [illegible]
[illegible] at desk. [illegible]
[illegible] Peter [illegible]
Travelling [illegible] but got to Victoria [illegible]
[illegible] 5.30 train. Changed at
[illegible]. Peter & Vicky met. Afternoon [illegible]

Friday June 22nd

up 7 & let Pax out. Bath ex
Breakfast w/ G. 9.30. Dressed
wall [illegible] terrace w/ G - [illegible]
who has started a new [illegible]. Tel
Coax about timber for apple
shelves. Got out some dark [illegible]
-pack in bath. Moved [illegible]
drawers w/ Charley. Cleaned Pax a
hurried thro' lunch and then finished
cleaning Paxes and at 2.10 took
him to station where he snapped at
a little girl who stroked him.
Train late & did not get to [illegible]
till 3.5. Got dressed - [illegible]
[illegible]'s and ordered [illegible] & [illegible]
waited a long time at [illegible] station
& came home on 4.5 train.
[illegible] up [illegible] on Station Road.
Tea w/ G. Pax [illegible] but
came up later and was [illegible] w/
[illegible] at 6.45. Moved furniture
[illegible] & [illegible] where [illegible]
collecting things for auction. [illegible]
[illegible] arrived for Sunday. [illegible] went
[illegible] [illegible] and G [illegible]
[illegible] After dinner we [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] good [illegible]
[illegible] music & [illegible] garden [illegible]

SATURDAY June 23 1945
Up 7.45 breakfast had left.
After aunt C. said she had told
Nannie that she was going to adopt
a more Christian attitude to Alex
and I let her realize that I thought it
a mistake when Canada [illegible] certain
problems. But all over at breakfast
Alex arrived & C kissed her. She
talked to Nannie but I got her
away to walk with me to stores
for money and stamps. Made up
envelopes and paid [illegible]. Asked
Nannie to order raspberries [illegible]
jelly and currant pies. I [illegible]
about [illegible] and [illegible] if [illegible]
[illegible] tax purposes [illegible]
Alex went out and bought [illegible]
biscuits for us. We had plenty
[illegible] butter stocks [illegible]
to please. After lunch took [illegible]
in taxi to [illegible] the [illegible]
& Alex came with us and went
to [illegible]. Walked back to
station [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Paid Jack Bonner [illegible]
[illegible]

Her returned [illegible] again [illegible]

[illegible] Alex [illegible]

SUNDAY Jan 24th 1945

Breakfast w. O. & Alix at 10 o'c. Ida went to Church. I went to see Price Allen who said he would [illegible] up our old furniture for auction. Gave [illegible] and [illegible] in a few more old things. Settled down in sitting room when Dr. [illegible] arrived and I worked with her over proof of her book "[illegible] Speech" that F. Müller is going to publish. After one o'c when we finished, Alix certainly much [illegible] and [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible]. After lunch, got out a [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible]. We are all getting a few cat [illegible] [illegible] including [illegible] [illegible] Price Allen [illegible] for auction, [illegible] out 3 [illegible] for Alix. [illegible] more furniture for auctioning. Walked round [illegible] for [illegible] + [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] in N. Room [illegible] Ida, & Alix. After dinner [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and talked about [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Ida [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

MONDAY JUNE 25

Thought I heard Paxer howling
at 6.20 and went down
to let him out, but it must
have been Thomas. As I
was up so early I took 7.56
with Alix. She went thro' Castle
+ I thro' Croft and she came out
of Castle here before I got there.
Took Tony + Alexis St Andrews
+ Philip to Lavinia. Changed at
P'boro. Victoria 9.40. To
Covent Garden - no cherries.
Worked on Lockheart Contract
Lunch at desk. Worked on
Sales promo chicken; tel. policy
call for Alix. Can't come this Sat.
wants to know about paying
for her permanent wave for Fri-
[illegible]. Mickelsen called up -
has an offer for his book for
Paulton[illegible] Bristol. Well!
sign contract - soon? I said No
Home 5.30 Lewis Anderson got in at
P'boro + Lewis brought her home
After dinner out [illegible] and read +
dream, [illegible] to guests something [illegible]

TUESDAY June 26th 1945

Up 6.45 Grey mild day
Let Jock out & Came back to [illegible]
wall. C. not having Vicky in
her room any more as she has
no available beds that allow to ex-
plain for [illegible] & we are all
getting afraid. Up to London 7.34
Spent morning checking Sales figures
and Royal Newmarket with hope of
[illegible] at end. Lunch for
Alex looking well & happy wants
me to [illegible] up his bathing dress.
Lunch [illegible] & [illegible] at desk
signed letters. Call for Diana
at Bramshott about [illegible] Miller
& [illegible]. Called Medley
about [illegible] of 107. Home 5.30
walked home and found many
ducks to pull up.
Bath as usual. Then Leslie
arrived [illegible] after a telegram
asking if he [illegible] "call"
[illegible]. Dinner and
night. Looked handsome and
[illegible] smart, normal & well
dressed. Says he [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible]. [illegible]
7 [illegible] returns. [illegible]

WEDNESDAY Jun. 27th
waken 6 o'c Vicky falling off
bed E's floor. She had slept
her dobbs others but she came
up in night. Took Opal away
from her. Another fine day
cool in early morning. Office
10.30 Called off Netherland Bank
about Helen C.B.'s cheques.
W notes for Mrs C. to copy
Bull for Dream de Bosmelet about
free book jacket made by E.Q.
... We shared a taxi to
Claridges and she went on to lunch
with E.Q at Knightsbridge. I had lunch
with Anne Creighton who told me of her
engagement to Robin de Winton.
Back to office and telephoned
to James Pope Gibbon who has
returned from America because
Jean is ill with a nervous break-
down. Home 5.30. Papa in Station
Road following Gilbert Osborne on his
[illegible] ... I was very depressed.
[illegible]

THURSDAY June 28th 1945

up 6.45 and bath. Pa Cat[illegible] spoke of Gilbert's taking Paper [illegible] station Road and asked if news met his [illegible]. I spoke [illegible] and she did not like it, [illegible] it will not [illegible] them. Got up to London. [illegible] and [illegible] Walker & Fiancée on [illegible] platform. I admired F's [illegible] & [illegible] they would create great [illegible] and also would [illegible] [illegible] for them. Great mistake to say before a child. Got I [illegible] a flat where I left drawing [illegible] [illegible] I find [illegible] up and brought away. [illegible] to take back to [illegible]. Got back for [illegible] C. to [illegible] to Peter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] when I came back & I gave his money for [illegible] [illegible] – allowance £6. Taken [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] plan for [illegible] to [illegible] Putnams after. [illegible] [illegible] in original. Lunch Go[illegible] [illegible] Dessin, [illegible] de Feville [illegible] back to office. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] spent Sunday i cottage [illegible] played [illegible] [illegible] with him – [illegible] and afterwards that she did best

Friday June 28th 1940

up 7.30. Gave Paxer dinner wh. he would not eat last night. Breakfast in @ 9.30. Vicky has bad diarrhoea. Read papers. Worked most of morning and part of afternoon [illegible] and checked quality of new wool left of [illegible]. Charles helped me move furniture from shed to stable and the auction. Mrs Mills & her sister and Michael & Freddie called from Bognor where they are on holiday. @ [illegible] tea and then I went on moving furniture. Table for cottage and [illegible]. Also big old dressing table for Mr. Ecklands room which E. is fixing up as spare room. Drinks supper dinner. E. is discouraged about his writing. Clifford Bax sent back Diamond Life & Cadger Mill with praise but no help towards production. Sly wants me to read what she has written of Madame Solario novel. Vicky's diarrhoea worse. Tel. Hill? After dinner got out basket for her to sleep in. E [illegible] talk [illegible] about [illegible]. Bed 12.15

SATURDAY June 30th 1945

up 7.30 Vicky slept in her basket & drank a bottle. Alfreda and Nannie to London with Thomas who is to be Christened today at St Margarets. Vivien Moncke and Dickie Baguelle to be godmothers. Told C Humphreys to finish wall by eye not the line. Charles here, & Jim helped [illegible] Nanny to [illegible] from [illegible] stables. To [illegible] with Paxall [illegible] Nancy [illegible] having her horse shod. Got [illegible] bread and beer. Mrs Phillips [illegible] to me that Mr Phillips hopes to E. Africa, pay away, so she has a supply - one of [illegible]. Paid [illegible] [illegible] cards. [illegible] and [illegible] 5 [illegible] to let [illegible] see Vicky. From here [illegible] [illegible]. Worker cutting for [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] went & [illegible] off [illegible] Paxall & others & [illegible] [illegible] in V.C. [illegible] he [illegible] out [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] etc. Brief sleep in chair. Tea. Alfreda & Nannie came back w. Thomas. Bill stayed in London with his mother. Drink before dinner. Bed early.

SUNDAY July 1st 1945
up 7.30 Shampoo & bath
Breakfast wi. G. wound clocks & read papers. Church. Vicar said in his sermon Mrs Head [illegible] fire by way of slum character. Walk in garden wi. G. caught in cloudburst in studio porch & then sun came out. After lunch read G's Madame Solario very reminiscent of [illegible] good [illegible] and subtle. After tea talked to G about book which means so much to her. Gilbert Cole [illegible] & his wife left at lunch time & [illegible] [illegible] alone. Out to studio to look for things for flat. G at Parcel from Scotts who had taken him for walk on [illegible] Vicky seems practically well. After dinner G & I went on talking about her book. Listened to news & music - but no German music anywhere. Combed Pasha. Brown spot on his back
[illegible]

Monday July 2nd.
Staff holiday spent at Amberley
after breakfast opened & sorted
parcel from Elkanace & cut
up tissue packing per drawing paper
Returning letter from Sister Superior
re about her money and out
every night - Tel Kelley about
boat. Worked in stable with C.
setting out things for flat.
After lunch. W. Frau Gassmann
about Alex and the Sister
Superior. W. Cook about Cooker
interlining Accounts. W. Tamilane
and Mrs Bell inviting them to
come up and dinner. Tea w. C.
Talked about her novel.
Tidied cupboard under stairs
Packed up china for flat.
Sifted ashes & filled Nicky's
box. She had eaten well and
seemed all right yesterday but
this afternoon and evening seems
doped and has eaten nothing.
Drink before dinner. Bed early

TUESDAY July 3rd 1945
Vicky ill and strange and kept
C. awake most of night. She
called me at 6 o'c. The little
Cat did not seem suffering but
C. thought she would die. Before
I left for London I got some
milk & brandy and her basket.
C. telephoned Allt and he was re-
assuring. Viola came to lunch & C
gave her her novel to read. Nannie's
friend Amy arrived and she knows
about Cats and Vicky seemed better
and before night was eating well
and seemed almost normal. I
slept in train. Drew up advice for
export numbers of trade paper
Mr Somerset back and a
little rested but still troubled by
cough. Miss Smith is coming back
released fr. Fire Service. Lunch
w. Hubert Heatley. Mrs Kidby
at Pat's. Got Cat Ringworm
lotion at Boots in Wigmore
St. Finished advice. Home 6:30
and Connie gave Cicely & me
a lift. Lovely sunset sky
over terrace. Peter tried to
walk in. Scutts at no dinner
[illegible]

WEDNESDAY July 4th 1945
up 6.45 Bath. C. picked me
up by New Barn walking to
station. At Victoria drove
straight to flat 36 at 9.
where we found Marjorie
cleaning and saw Mr S.F.
Fergus arrived. Seems a nice
young man. Want a double
bed. S. to office. Started to deal
with accumulation on desk.
Call for Alix. Cheerful and
expected success of school
was well deserved and voice
still cracked. Lunch
James MacGibbon at the
"Commisaire" talk about Patience
Back to office. Met C. Victoria
home by 5.30. Talk Mrs
Phillips Pickering - left home before
coffee. She has been here weeks
for [illegible] need what [illegible]
drink before dinner. Lucky
letter. C. tells me after dinner
about her talk w. Fras. S.
She does not think Cement
right place for Alix!

THURSDAY July 5th '45

up 6.40. London by 8.34
train. Brought 2 eggs for
breakfast as I do during week.
Office 10.30. Talk [illegible]
re decision to give Mr West
bonus of £52.10.0. Dictated to
Mrs C. [illegible] the memo. Call for
Alix in high spirits about first
[illegible]. I fear that she is
taking advantage of her independence
[illegible] ideas of [illegible] in a Russian
family. Dinner [illegible] drink [illegible]
[illegible] brown bread. Read [illegible]
signed letters a [illegible] but [illegible]
[illegible] my desk. Paid Mr West
bonus of 52.10.0 which surprised
& pleased him. W. Bines [illegible] Alix
calling her Tania as she [illegible]
[illegible]. Home 5.30 with [illegible]
[illegible] from [illegible]
walked home [illegible]. [illegible]
docks to [illegible]. Bath [illegible].
Evelyn [illegible]
[illegible]. Cooking. [illegible]
Commentary. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

FRIDAY July 6th 1945

[illegible] some Beauty of Bath apples for Mrs Cooking & all of [illegible] enough for stewing. Sat at desk in N. room and [illegible] letters all morning. Mr Bell, Peter, Captain Murphy, Tommie, [illegible] Margaret Mac[illegible], [illegible] lunch alone talked of [illegible] [illegible] marriage and of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Spent afternoon [illegible] up there where Charles Humphrey is building. C & I [illegible] [illegible] not down this Sunday. Says [illegible] is going with other students [illegible] [illegible] Ealing theatre. C. & I talked [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] telephoned that Sylvia has [illegible] C's [illegible] so far and is [illegible] [illegible] next instalment. Drink before dinner. Vicky with us in evening as Amy has gone home. Vicky [illegible] unnaturally quiet. [illegible] [illegible]. Read [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]

SATURDAY July 7th. 1945

Up late. Breakfast w. C. 100% [illegible] [illegible] gave [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] morning! [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] Down to Square w. Dexter. Got money, stamps and [illegible]. Paid [illegible] [illegible] 2.6 [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] up all [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Stamped [illegible], Alfreda came. [illegible] C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] anti-Russian. Paid [illegible]. Gave Alfreda old [illegible] books that had got spoiled in Nannie's trunk. Brown [illegible] [illegible] cake soaked in raspberries [illegible] made by A. [illegible] very delectable w. Tenderness, w. [illegible]. Tea alone w. C. She settled down to work and I sat in your bedroom and mended [illegible] of my old dinner jacket. Drink before dinner. After dinner C. & I walked in the [illegible] and she picked flowers in the [illegible] Parker and Vicky [illegible] and Vicky [illegible] about [illegible] as if [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in Alfred Street.

SUNDAY July 8th 1945
up 7.45 Shaving & bath
Breakfast 9.30. Read
N. Chronicle & Sunday Ex:
says all the villains of yesterday
were afraid to confide their
... June ... 7
... & ... They
... for ... fat.
... She feels ...
... perhaps anaemic. Consulted
her about ... letter about
flat ... & ... leaving ...
... Hampton. ... seems
to have been ... with ...
... W. draft ... letter for
... copy w. ... Bust ...
... draft letter to ... ...
called to enquire ... Mrs ...
... doing well.
... ... about ...
... ... ... Walked
... Smith ... ... Dinner ...
After dinner played with ...
... bored and wanted to get
... worried about ...
Read ... Stevens

MONDAY July 9th 1945

Cat. C. Humphry & sign receipt for income tax. Warned him to get shoulders of some meats like ol. C.o I up to London after arranging for Nannie to take Vicky to Vet. Think she has cat distemper. Gave man a lift. We got out at Dorchester & he went on to Wimpole St. C.o I & Scott Adie looking for coat & then got a second one at Marshall's. I went to see Carter of Hampton- but he was out. Cat place Meyerowitz. Call for Alix had written letters to Gladys and me about another night absent from Convent and about her Russian conversation. She seems to me getting out of hand. Lunch at desk. Arranged Rays Newmarket. Called Parker in Bedford Square. Back to Dorchester. Rested. Dinner C. & Mr & Mrs Bell of Highgate school. He confirmed (?) ... afternoon & C. talked his ... Theymet in Terra

TUESDAY July 10th 1945
Rainy morning. Dalrymple
called Olyphant about his
premier page. Office 10.15.
Breaks stand and my spectacles
[illegible] him. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] lunch [illegible]
[illegible] 137 Ct. Russell St. &
[illegible] Tel. [illegible] that we would
take [illegible] for £11000. payable
[illegible] 25 1946 when we shall
get vacant possession. [illegible]
letter to Minden about [illegible]
after amalgamation with
[illegible] London and [illegible]
London and New York profits.
[illegible] Ragal Newmarket Col.
[illegible] and Sales [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] Somerset & M. Went [illegible]
[illegible] Drew my credit balance
£110 at Putnams. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Ragis Newmarket
[illegible] Rain all day. W. Mrs
[illegible] visiting to lunch. [illegible]
[illegible] 5 - [illegible] till dinner. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] me [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Tea 5 [illegible]

WEDNESDAY JUNE 15

up 7.30 @ feels rather
weak and sleepy for him-
self. Called Am. Embassy
about Augusta Bessinger returned
of Frankfurt. Left spectacles
at Meyerbrook to be repaired.
Spent morning cleaning
Lunch home [illegible]. Tel
fr. [illegible] Supervisor Alix
[illegible] Read Mrs Barclay
copy of account of Bachmann
life [illegible] Kansas. Call by
[illegible] Mrs [illegible] (Mabel)
[illegible]
W. letter to [illegible] at [illegible]
w. draft letter to [illegible]
Mrs Cl. to copy letter about [illegible]
[illegible] 5 P.M. @
at Cinema. Waited till she came
in at about 7.30. She seems
tired and complains of pains in her
leg - will not [illegible] any
appointment. She and I dined alone
telephoned to Woolley but
they were out so we [illegible]

THURSDAY July 12th 1945
up 6.45 Prunials like a hot
day. Packed. Out [illegible]
– [illegible] [illegible] all
[illegible] [illegible] that may do
[illegible] [illegible] to Dixon [illegible]
[illegible] Brown at [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible]. Mr [illegible] absent.
Call from Miss Jahn about her
notebook on a romance or
medical history since 1800
[illegible] Clarifies C. Moore &
[illegible]. They put me 9 [illegible] C. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Met Carl
Cameron – perfectly friendly. Say
[illegible] [illegible] Cohn to dinner
[illegible] [illegible] C. [illegible] so we had
to change table. W. Peters. W. Martin
home 5.30 Meeting C. & Nannie
at Victoria & train. Taffers
kept us from sleeping. Changed
[illegible] blue & C. went &
talked to Nannie who was
[illegible]. Her luggage. Very [illegible]
[illegible] 1 with a [illegible]. Drink
before dinner. Unpacked.
After dinner walk in garden & g

# FRIDAY July 13th

Up 7.30 & at Paxerent
lunch sunny morning.
No cigarette but settled
down to work before 10.
Voigt won his appeal against
News Chronicle damages £1000.
Put away personal papers
etc. at Uck & N. [illegible]
N. [illegible] & Till & [illegible].
Worked on Gregory proofs till
luncheon time. Hot day. Vicky
rather worse. Fed only once. droopy
After lunch took some photos making
ball very well. Got gold blotter
and cigarette box & trying to find
present for Diana Patterson.
Walked [illegible] and bus out
Polished leather blotter and cig. box
both made of old boards. C. at
tea. Started to try to avoid back
7 C.'s Brother came in again. Down
to orchard w. Paxer & thicket
Cutting apples. Stood beside & locked
her fight. C. 7 drank. Felix came
home 9.30. Paxer would not eat

his [illegible] V. [illegible] with [illegible]

# SATURDAY July 14th 1940

Hard rain in night. Clearing more
or less after 8 o'c. Viking better
very hot. W. Voigt congratulating him
on winning his libel suit. W.P.C.
ceiling [illegible] from Mrs D[illegible] to
[illegible] lunch. Alix asked [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] her as she was still half [illegible]
[illegible]. Alix & half [illegible] [illegible]. Pixie
[illegible] in [illegible] near [illegible] as he
[illegible] stones, [illegible] not to [illegible] [illegible].
Met Mrs [illegible] Smith [illegible] speaks of
[illegible] to Villa. Met Mr & Mrs
Mrs Effalone Allen staying w. [illegible].
[illegible]. Friends of Mr [illegible] in old
days. Paid milk & stamped books.
[illegible] [illegible] to go as [illegible]
[illegible] Ben Nicolson & Alfreda [illegible]
[illegible], C. & I to Dion Pearson's wedding to [illegible]
[illegible] but nice and [illegible] young man
named [illegible]. Met [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Rachel Henderson both with [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Mrs Ravenscroft. Mercy, Stella
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] Bowley & [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible]. Mrs Binley, Charlotte Benham [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] stayed after [illegible]
[illegible]. C. [illegible] back [illegible] C. [illegible]
[illegible] before dinner. Mended [illegible].

SUNDAY July 15th, 1945.
Back passage flooded in storm.
Morning warm and sunny but feeling
of thunder still in air. Breakfast wi.
G. wound & set clocks. Paxie
playing with a frog. Frightened when
it jumped. End of double summertime.
G. & I to Church. Mr Fenning leaving
a week from tomorrow. Presentation
of money collected, on next Tuesday.
Fathers 'Allens at church. G. talked
to Bevin - before back of cottage under
Sycamore tree - Ben lying on grass
very humid air. After lunch, G. &
slept in our rooms. She at tea
with us. Too heavy & warm to eat.
Unpacked one of cut glass deep
candlesticks but the heat of
setting [illegible] mantelpiece. Out
and stacked new wall and de-
cided to carry it back.
Hully tea. Drink before dinner
& stew. G. said that Pappa tea
Bevin nut to shop & offered
and Ben washed up. We wonder
if Ben means anything. After
dinner Harris brought Vicky her
she seemed better. Read [illegible].

MONDAY Jan 16th 1945
up 6.45. Told Humphrey when [illegible] in good & fault well felt
& [illegible]. Ves. Out new season [illegible] in trains. Took coat [illegible] to [illegible] & [illegible] mended.
Got [illegible] refreshment [illegible].
Fergy [illegible] given up flat!
[illegible] to Mrs C. [illegible] in [illegible] agreement. [illegible] brown bread & milk.
Read Mss. not good as novel.
Home 5.30. [illegible] just ahead of me walking from station so I lingered & [illegible] up [illegible] [illegible] late. C. feels very tired [illegible] Parent's [illegible]. Bath — dinner as usual. Vicky [illegible] at his dinner [illegible] Vicky and he often [illegible] with us. Mrs Caspari [illegible] C. and [illegible] her into asking her nephew and [illegible] to tea on Thursday! After dinner had a fire in sitting room.
Read Times & listened to [illegible]

TUESDAY July 17th

up 7 o'clock. Hurried & got down
to breakfast 7.45. Let Peggy
out as usual. It is cooler
this morning & not so damp. [illegible]
8.34 to [illegible] Bldg. Cut
some head-ends & [illegible]
and looked at prints for [illegible]
of Camo Candles. Indexing [illegible]
lunch 12.30. Morning [illegible]
[illegible] up Cigarette [illegible].
Lunch Claridge's [illegible] Fisher.
[illegible] discussed Diamonds [illegible]
the idea emerged [illegible]
aid of [illegible]. I S. [illegible]
me a copy of Maurice Baring's
anthology of "English [illegible]"
[illegible]. She wants someone to
reprint. office signed [illegible] etc.
Home 5.30 taking honey [illegible]
[illegible] two [illegible]. [illegible]
after dinner [illegible]
[illegible] copy of Dostoevsky [illegible]
[illegible]. Started to [illegible]

WEDNESDAY July 18th. '45

Got up to breakfast. 5 hr [illegible] 9 - [illegible] + I went [illegible] Bond St. Met Maggie Woodham who said that Charles [illegible] never [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] probably [illegible] [illegible] together as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Shaftesbury [illegible] [illegible] get for Alex for whom I [illegible] [illegible] up out east. Tel [illegible] Bay Stay. Another call from Alex [illegible] [illegible] from Camp [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. To [illegible] Swanman who thinks she may be able to get Alex into [illegible] home [illegible]; [illegible] [illegible] Alex [illegible]. She sympathizes [illegible]. Alex 6 drinks [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] must go [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] I left [illegible] [illegible]. Gregory [illegible]. Home 5.30 [illegible] G. [illegible] Dinner [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] home. Drink [illegible] dinner. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] slept all [illegible] [illegible] N. [illegible] [illegible]

THURSDAY July 19

Lovely morning! Apple sauce for my early morning fruit. Apples now till April. 8.34 to London. Got bread & cake & looked at Cameo Corner for Lennie's present. No: no [illegible]. Office. Call to Ray saying Macaulay's [illegible] breaking up. Lift [illegible] for Victory book. Call from [illegible] & lent her 2/- bag. Wanted on Daily Express. To A & N. for [illegible] Gin & to Fortnum for lunch. Butler's friend (Young) called – now in metal trades but desires to go somehow into publishing without any visible qualifications. Lunch brought could not get any meat but got what he called sole but which on cooking found to be plaice. So he made heavy weather over his dinner & I said I would not eat either for dinner and didn't, wrote to accounts

FRIDAY July 20th

Thought I heard Pax
wandering at 4.30 and went
down & found him with nightm.
awake. Took him out to the
dim light & dawn and gave
him a drink and put him
back to bed. Hardly slept again
Saw [illegible] breakfast [illegible] C.
Worked all morning on Mrs
Eddy. Decided not to copy
corrections but merely check
them & get someone else to transfer
later. Max Muller came to lunch.
Staying at Castle. Her husband
died suddenly a few weeks
ago. Does not attempt to
show any interest - only a genuine
& humorous but friendly &
detached way. Showed
her my walls. Brushed &
dry cleaned Pax [illegible]. Tea C.
Tel. Agatha A. about Diamond.
Took Pax at five [illegible]
[illegible] - Marguerite [illegible]
[illegible] Alfred's [illegible]

SATURDAY July 21st

up 7.30. Vicky practically well but very thin. Still had sick in the 1 few. Worked accounts etc till 11 o'c. Brushed Papa & took him down to town. Got stamps money & left Paid our Stamford Cash.

Paid bills etc. Lilian & Marguerite out for a walk returning only in time for luncheon. After luncheon talk in sitting room. When C. & "girls" went to rest I took Papa down to [illegible] to see Barnes but he did not come today. Plummer took me in to see his garden and green house. Cut away hedge to make place for [illegible] & new wall. Met Joe [illegible] in front of house and put him to work on hedge. Girls & C. came down to tea and I introduced Joe who was a great success. Came from Somerville. Catholic. Educated Boston College. Our 4-cocktail party at Cottage. Alfreda & Louise had two young men staying an American & an

SUNDAY July 22nd 1945.
Up at 3 & again at 5 thinking
I heard Peter knocking. Sat on
steps but knocking did not seem to
come from him. Up 7 o'c bath
ex. Let as went to mass [illegible]
wrapped drakes. Persuaded Co to
go to Church thinking A. V. was
last Sunday but no goodbye
reference so think he was [illegible]
conduct service for 3 weeks [illegible]
when I believe he moves to [illegible]
[illegible] arrived early for
luncheon and stayed till 3. [illegible]
great success and [illegible] feast
but very exhausting. We all went
to rest and I slept 4-5. Down
to tea and then, Brian Alfreda and
Tel went in their English guest's car
to see Mayrolls (Family [illegible]
collection at [illegible] Cottage) "girls"
for a walk [illegible] Park [illegible]
at [illegible]. I told them first people [illegible]
not [illegible] other [illegible] day I asked them
[illegible] on [illegible]. Later, drinks
after dinner talked [illegible]
so [illegible], who sat up after [illegible]

Monday July 23rd 1945

Paper woke me up howling at 2.30. He wanted all right but not - I think during these days [illegible] lift - him sleep [illegible] sitting room & he had left light at in hall. up 6.45 Breakfast with [illegible] at 7.45. Slept in train. Chatted with Col. [illegible] fr. Macie about Quigley mission. Call fr. Alix in. [illegible] Hauke who took pleasant & [illegible]. I refused to Quigley his [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]. Lunch at desk. To see Alix in "Ceremony at Glasgow" Oh dear better, rather ragged but soundly conceived. Back to office & signed letters

Home 5.30 Mrs [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with Eric fr. Station. Looks [illegible]. [illegible] after [illegible] [illegible] after dinner to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] birthday. [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] slept in chair

TUESDAY July 24th

overslept & up 7.10. Hurried and caught train comfortably up by 8.34 Letter to Tania Blixen. W dept supply for Mr O. D. Copy. Talk Somerset. Lunch Jonas MacGibbon & Somerset at Garrick. Talk Geoffrey [illegible] about Mildred [illegible] & Dale to T. A. about [illegible] my [illegible] & Tania about [illegible] [illegible]. W. dept supply. [illegible] [illegible] Ray [illegible] [illegible] back think it [illegible] probably [illegible] of his [illegible] [illegible]. Home 5.30 [illegible] up & [illegible] [illegible]. Walked home [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Alex home. [illegible]. [illegible] Alex [illegible] so [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] when I [illegible] [illegible]

WEDNESDAY July 25

7.34 D. Sunny. Ate bread & cake. Called Giddens about suit case. Telephoned to various etc. Mrs C. looked up trains. Dictated. Long call from Ray Berry about his garden [illegible] turned back. Lunch [illegible] bread. W. [illegible] dictating letters trying to clean desk for Mr [illegible]. W. Ray Berry at Ministry of Agriculture to try to get [illegible] of papers. Suit case [illegible] sent back by Giddens. [illegible] got fish [illegible] home. [illegible]. Home 5:30 and saw [illegible] at [illegible] & [illegible] taken from [illegible] [illegible] and drops behind hedges – [illegible] [illegible]. Bath [illegible]. Evening [illegible] told me about Anna Karenina which she has just re-read and doesn't think so good. Full of inconsistencies and so not great creation.

THURSDAY July 26th
Pussel who is not shaking off
[illegible] came up [illegible]
at 6.45. W. draft
letter to Peter re [illegible].
Copy to Muggeridge and
[illegible] my [illegible] opinion
[illegible]. [illegible] Peters [illegible]
[illegible]. Sat Chesterton's
[illegible] Alix [illegible]
[illegible]. Eat Myers at
Chemist. W. draft letters
for Mrs C. to copy. Tel.
[illegible] of Hampstead. C. tel.
Election results show labour
gains. Amery, Bracken, H. Macmillan
out. Copying Lady Wentworth's
book on the Arab horse [illegible]
for [illegible]. Lunch [illegible]
Cat Alix: [illegible] + [illegible] for G. N.
Martyn Skinner. Finally get off
letter to Mr Sheed [illegible]
chances of publishing Mr [illegible] before
Autumn 1946. Home 6.30. Pulled up
beet; [illegible] of [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] A. [illegible]

Friday July 27 1928

Oaxie came up at 6:45 & I let him out and went back to bed and rested till 8:45. Breakfast w. G. at 9:30. Read papers, accepting and [illegible] that I must become [illegible] by personality. Tel office to [illegible] [illegible] good Thursday. Tel Connie about [illegible] for apple [illegible]. Got out 2nd set of Jane Austen. Binding worn so took set [illegible] to N. [illegible] book [illegible] for Louise's 21st birthday. [illegible] C. [illegible] says he will take Oaxie if Charley goes away for a few nights. Talk Charley about vegetables for [illegible] Mullen. Viola [illegible] frightened by result of election [illegible] at lunch. After Viola went Alex [illegible] Jane Austen and Chesterton's [illegible] in separate parcels for [illegible] members of family. Started to read Captain Blood [illegible] G. came down [illegible] because Alex had kept her awake talking. Read [illegible] of [illegible] before dinner.

Warm & nice [illegible] made. [illegible] Paper [illegible]

[illegible]

Saturday July 28th 1945
Daxel came up to my room
at 6.45. Breakfast 7.20
and talk Coulter about
letter ... on the road.
... of money & stamps. I am
worried about ... ...
... Made up pay envelopes
for 3 weeks & also stamped cards
W. Coiler. After lunch hunted
for error in my cheque book
... bank ... ...
... & couldn't find it. Read
Bird's novel. Tea ... & talked
and went on reading novel.
2 girls named Standen ...
of Lavinia's at the ...
school came to stay with ...
for the ... here & ...
at Cottage. Mr & Mrs Garland
... arrived also to stay.
... gave them all light supper ...
and ... ... ...
And then 3 ... supper ...
dressed & arrived about 10 o'c
Talk Lady Maud Featherstonhaugh, ...

Sunday July 29th

Got Parsi to eat his dinner
at 1.30 when we returned
fr. Party. Bed 20'c. up
6.45 when Parsi came up to
my room. Read paper &
Captain Bird's book. Carlan
Emmets said good-bye - were
nice: Tayntons returning yesterday
evening. Ann & Josephine
over to see us. Stevens 20.
gets stayed till afternoon.
After lunch finished Captain
Bird's book and W. Upping
a summer £7/5. Tea G. & Alice
W. Labels for Portmirror
Talk later and eventually after
consulting Gladys decided that
she could stay for Alfred, Cath
and then Amberley House till she leaves
for her theatrical work at Bath.
After dinner started packing
Came down for meals and to
take Parsi out, and finished
soon after 12. Not taking evening
Clothes

Monday July 30th 1945
Up 6.45 & let Rexal out. No bath.
Packed last things. 8 spoke to
Mrs Hook and Charley about
cleaning chimneys. 8.07 up to
London. 9.10 in [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] journey. Taxi to Dorchester
G. having their hair washed. Got
my [illegible] hat at office. To Angus
[illegible] [illegible] for lunch. Back to
Dorchester where I found [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. He was 1st in
history and in 1st 9 out of 25
in all subjects and won [illegible]
prize. We had luncheon with [illegible]
and then went on to Amberley. Going
to Cullompton tomorrow. G. left
her pearls and I took them to
[illegible] to be [illegible]. Got
Meta tablets. Then to [illegible] again
& got shaving brush & [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Jermyn St. [illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible] had professional [illegible] [illegible]
Violet [illegible] but [illegible] to [illegible]
Mark & [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] what else. Saw Carter [illegible] [illegible]
Sparks of Amberley. Got G's ticket. To
Paddock [illegible] for ticket & saw [illegible]
[illegible] G's journey tomorrow.

Tuesday July 31, 1945
Dorchester. Packed and got off to Paddington 10 o'c. First aid people took charge and returned us to platform in wheeled chair getting us corner seats by window. We had sandwiches and buns gingerbread and ginger ale. Read papers and relaxed. Lunch at 12. Less apprehension about changing but First aid people had telegraphed to Shrewsbury and Knucklecliffe, not speeded like this and we got through most comfortably. From Shrewsbury we talked to nice helpful Welsh woman and her son of 19. We ate and slept & read all afternoon. I got my usual cold throat fr. sleeping in draught. Arrived on time 9 o'c at Cardigan. Short drive to hotel. Impressions of coal fields - not lovely - and picturesque Italianesque details, and better patched buildings modern additions to original small Victorian house. Just soup & stewed prunes & early to bed in very friendly Fountain Hotel.

WEDNESDAY

August 1st 1945. Slept well but conscious of hooting owls & mewing seagulls.

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Bright sun broad sands of estuary with streaks of tidal water and distant mountains. Still rather miserable from sore throat. Breakfast 9.30 at little table by window in dining room. Chilly draughts everywhere. G. [illegible] [illegible] getting [illegible]. Throat painful & I was irritable & she took offence so starting badly. Got newspapers & post cards. W. Crawley telling him to brush Paxos daily to clear rusty spots in his coat. W. Peter W. Granville Bantock W. Ivor Thomas asking him to dinner. Place certainly picturesque but terribly bogus & overdone [illegible]. Other guests not very interesting at first sight. After lunch, slept 2.30–4.15 but G. couldn't sleep. Saw her hip hot & painful. Found bed. Made tea in bedroom. G. reading [illegible] Words of Fire. Met [illegible] Buckley &

[illegible]

THURSDAY August 23 1945

Misty early morning & with others in quiet. Got water & fished for a time ... C. had a [illegible] bath. ... fire [illegible] ... Berkeley. C. settled down to read [illegible] letter [illegible] ... Says [illegible] ... S.T. and [illegible] W. letter to Louise Brockway [illegible]. Going [illegible] P.C. & Peter. Told her about Peter's School [illegible] and Alex's engagement Ruth engagement and [illegible] C. & I walked up and about vistas and up [illegible] ... Looked in windows [illegible] ... that [illegible] to be [illegible] ... Lovely still sunny day. After lunch, sat [illegible] ... to rest. Others are bathing on lawn under our windows. Slept 2.30 to 4.30 up and made tea [illegible] ... the gingerbread [illegible] brought. [illegible] Calton. No [illegible] but [illegible] together. Took [illegible] cocktails before dinner. Spent evening [illegible] Berkeley [illegible] her [illegible] ... at [illegible]. She was Molly [illegible] of Boston.

FRIDAY August 3rd 1945

Bright - blazing sun. After bath and shave, Out in about - thanks to walk on sands. Breakfast 9.30 and read paper. President Truman met King on board off Plymouth, but King's [illegible] missed [illegible] welcome proposed. Potsdam [illegible] and Königsberg to Russia, Danzig to Poland. [illegible] E. in [illegible] back to our sitting room and when I returned she had disappeared. I looked about and then sat down by her books and glasses and read letters that had come in - one from Leslie Hartley mentioning Lord Berkeley. E. came back from walking down along shore. W. Pk. to Chalsey. Butler and started letter to [illegible] for which I finished after luncheon, telling him I would rather [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Hartley [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. E.G. went at 1 [illegible] afternoon walking on sands in bathing trunks. Back for tea. After - [illegible] Calling & [illegible] a bit. [illegible] before dinner.

Saturday August 4th 1945

Cloudy windy day with brief spells of sun. Letter fr Stephen [illegible] very ill and asks for bandage [illegible], enclosing one fr. Mark who has been [illegible] quite [illegible] - Peter's report very good. Letter fr Alix. Read papers about [illegible] full Labour Cabinet. Sounds good but had never heard of Chuter Ede. Home Secretary. Q-1 called Lady Berkeley went up with her life story. Showed me photographs of little chapel she is decorating at [illegible]. After luncheon w. Alix giving Peter's address. Cut slices of cake for tea, w. letter to Barrett. Out for my walk on Sands 3.30. Liked it but cold with wind and no sun. Came in rather blue with the cold. Made tea and then lay on bed under down quilt + shawl and got warm. When we went to table for dinner we saw Annabel + Clough Williams Ellis in bar and spoke to them. They were pleasant but hardly seemed to recognize me, but after dinner Annabel came + sat on floor by Gladys + we talked for an hour mostly about [illegible] whom she adores! [illegible]

SUNDAY August 5th. Up as
usual about 7. Lovely sunny
morning. Wore St Paul's School tie &
showed it to Lady Berkeley whose
son Francis Lloyd is master there.
She was pleased. Read papers and
started letter to Paul. Took Quick-
ie a Bettington [illegible] then Alex
and [illegible] athletics. At 11.45
out for my walk in the sun &
wonderful dunes [illegible] out
in the expanses of sand [illegible]
sea gulls [illegible] did big [illegible]
distant mountains and [illegible]
being in sight. C. had gone for walk
and came home with [illegible]
and [illegible]. Well the
bearded artist showing both [illegible]
Tudor ceilings which Clough and
built a hall to house. After lunch
went on with letter to Paul and
then C. & I slept till 5 o'c when
I made tea. Read in a [illegible]
[illegible] by Franz Nehring [illegible]
against [illegible] great man [illegible]
about Churchill! Lady Berkeley is
[illegible] Finished letter
to Paul. C. & I drink before dinner
walked out on terrace in twilight of
[illegible] had been full of water [illegible]
beginning to show. Finished Words of [illegible]

MONDAY August 6th 1945

Estuary full of water like a lake when we got up at 8.10 Papers and letters early and got sat in Parrot room reading. [illegible] Cristina says Barbara an [illegible] and her family middle class. Rangoo was ignominiously turned out of [illegible] and has only a poor [illegible] job. Cannot be as bad as that. Talk to Dutch Jewish girl about her Paddington. 11.40 out in my bathing trunks on sands for once an [illegible] in warm sun and cloud. Cold but [illegible] splashed through deep pools. Whiskey before lunch. W.P.C.s Catherine [illegible], Sister Superior, Frau [illegible] W. Leslie Hartley. Then rest. [illegible] J. had not succeeded in sleeping and felt tired. She went out for walk and I read [illegible] Merlyn Skinner [illegible] Did not dress for dinner. [illegible] in lounge [illegible] sat and talked to [illegible] looking but really pleasant man about the war and [illegible] watched people dancing [illegible] [illegible] Shakespeare [illegible] (3) 11.30

TUESDAY August 7th 1945

Woke 8.30 so did Carl [illegible] a bit but shaved while C. had hers. Breakfast [illegible] 9.30 As we passed under [illegible] standing C [illegible] was calling [illegible] in a [illegible] had [illegible] [illegible] that there had been no [illegible] last night. [illegible] Raymond Green [illegible] he is an [illegible] [illegible] and puts [illegible] [illegible] complex. After breakfast [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] Helen [illegible] and Molly Berkeley. Helen said John Nelson was getting a divorce for a beautiful Nicaraguan. C. found her [illegible] appropriate and Raymond [illegible] [illegible] has been a wonderful [illegible]. I talked to Molly about [illegible] They are all her cousins including Tommie Sullivan & Edith Reynolds. Read [illegible] about atomic bomb just used on Japan. C & I walk along [illegible] grey cool day. After luncheon [illegible] Cornhill - [illegible] McColoney on [illegible] [illegible]. Then C & I rested till tea. After tea out for walk on sand [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & was glad [illegible] [illegible] gave Molly a drink before dinner. After dinner [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with Molly [illegible]

Wednesday August 8th 1945
up 8.15. Estuary full of water
by 9 o'c. Breakfast wi. C.
at 9.30. Read papers full of the
possibilities of ~~[illegible]~~ atomic
energy, changing climate, driving
factories, supplying fuel etc. It
seems to me that accidents are
bound to happen as means of making
money. I thought that the Japanese
city on which the atomic bomb fell
may have been turned to vapour.
C. & I to walk in wild garden over
lovely day, sketching & looking after
[illegible] houses by [illegible].
Luncheon wi. C. Dutch families'
Beddington playing on [illegible]. Prepared
[illegible] take the high [illegible]
lovely grey coat. Finished Cornhill
wi. [illegible] & Kenneth Clark's
article on Art. Lent it to Thomas
Wolfe. C. [illegible] & I walked on the
taking blue jersey as protection when
the cold. Usual walk further out to
back by the dry sand along coast.
Tea wi. C. Read John Collier's [illegible]
Thoughts wi. illustrations by Wolfe.
Delightful attempt at having [illegible] W. Potter

THURSDAY August 9th 1945
Light sore throat.. Lovely sunny
morning. Dutch Jewish family talked
of Hermann Fuss - not representative
altogether. Tried to get to Walland [illegible]
instead of seeing mother but also to see a
[illegible] [illegible]. Mrs [redacted] (Stella) Charles
also [illegible] about this place. Originally
belonged to Cousin of Clough - 2 handsome
brothers who died & ugly sister married
[illegible] Pulsley with handsome son [illegible]
[illegible] managed by artist. Wiley (Jim)
[illegible] managers Mrs Andrews [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] - Clematis Cottage in
Washington. Cut to [illegible] & saw
[illegible] fences & monument about
[illegible] streams & back through open country
with mountains all round & [illegible]
[illegible]. After lunch, wrote post cards
to Mrs Dobson, Miss Cook, Miss Mead
Charles [illegible]. Then rested in bed
till 5. Lovely day but did not walk
on sand because of sore throat. Tea
[illegible]. Then to see Molly & told her about
[illegible] & asked her to come to Amble[illegible]
Stopped at Town Hall & looked again at
[illegible] & returned copy of John
Collier's Golden Thoughts. After dinner
talk [illegible]. Kicks Bullington [illegible]
against the [illegible] Park [illegible]. To bed
[illegible] and did some mind
[illegible]. Very sad & [illegible] in a panic

Friday August 10th 1945

Up at 7.30 Brilliant sunny morning. I had breakfast first and then came back to Depot. [illegible] C. when breakfast & then returned [illegible] most [illegible] [illegible] and finished packing in good time. [illegible] all around including Newcastle [illegible] who kept the [illegible] and carried our luggage, Cowboy to [illegible] [illegible] Reynolds Green, Hicks, Rawlin [illegible]. As we were getting into car S. A. Malcolm Stewart asked if I would be interested in Geoffrey Stewart's Memoirs for America or possibly England. I said yes I might well be — & he said he would tell O.S. to communicate. Stopped to say goodbye to Molly but she was out [illegible]. C. got into 3rd class carriage which [illegible] [illegible] seats but at Harlech we changed to first. Pleasant woman in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] greys & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] hated it. Scramble & scrimmage between porters & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] seat and we got [illegible] all right & were comfortable to Shrewsbury where great [illegible] but C. spotted nearly empty 1st & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] said [illegible] [illegible] on 10 o'c news. Two young [illegible] in carriage [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that all the [illegible] [illegible] "[illegible]

SATURDAY August 11th

Dorchester. Papers say surrender of Japan delayed [illegible] status of Emperor [illegible]. Comment [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] lost luggage. Letter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] letter of flat to Capt. [illegible] [illegible]! Tel [illegible] [illegible]. TO [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] out [illegible] [illegible] for holiday. C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. TO [illegible]. 3 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] in queue & [illegible] [illegible] 1.0 Paddington like a concentration camp with queues for up [illegible] Terrace & [illegible] [illegible] at. [illegible] Palace, loud speakers & [illegible] [illegible] at all [illegible] Finally got [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] got a taxi. [illegible] [illegible] St. left luggage at Dorchester
~~[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]~~ [illegible]
~~[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]~~. [illegible] [illegible]. C.
Dorchester. TO [illegible] flat met [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] - a little [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] him to come for a [illegible] at 60°C. any day [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] lift in. TO office [illegible] letters etc. Take a Pole in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Back for tea with C. We had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] D. Dorchester [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] lift. [illegible] to be great [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to C. [illegible] up to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

SUNDAY August 12th,

Slept late no bath. Seems hot-
day. Papers expect Japan to consent
to Allied military control over Emperor
Col. Alfreda; giddy attacks seem cured
[illegible] coming. Peter had put out
his shoulder probably playing w/. [illegible]
[illegible] had been to vet and seems all
right now. Q.o! in tax; to flat.
Looks very nice. [illegible]
Spoke to [illegible] lady [illegible] for [illegible]
lunch. Terrified by atomic
bomb. Thinks liberals have
a moral and intellectual
contribution to make in political
life which both Conservatives
& Labour lack. Saw Margaret
Rutherford. I would think her
looks la crazy old woman but
really quite young & a comic
genius. Walked across Park [illegible]
[illegible] in day. Smiths [illegible]
[illegible] shorts on the banks [illegible]
Hyde Park Gardens. Called at 31
Porter says he was in domestic
service and thinks there [illegible]
[illegible] be difficult to [illegible]. I [illegible]
[illegible] opened letter [illegible]
Dorchester. Tea w. C. [illegible]

MONDAY August 13th. 1945

Finished packing as we have to move one room [illegible]. Office 11.15. Mr Frederick [illegible] a few. [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] lab for good. Dictated letters. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] honey. Read Mrs. Tate [illegible] about "Take [illegible] [illegible]" [illegible] – [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for C. tickets for [illegible] [illegible]. To Duchess's [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] down. Stairs and taxi to Marble Arch cinema. Lady [illegible] (without Sir Jesse Boot) old and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] waiting for taxi. Beautiful [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] like [illegible] 2 [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] romantic figure. [illegible] Duchess in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]. Sat in [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] black [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Sands

TUESDAY August 14th

Dear Auntie. Tel. Lady Gladstone to ask [illegible] to Lady Oxford's Memorial Service. I duly said want to go. Did not like her and too much effort. Mr Dobson back from holiday & looks much better. The memorial service address by Canon Hannay. Saw Diamond & Molly Mack & Bonzie [illegible] very pathetic. Cynthia Asquith looked very ill. Mrs Belloc Lowndes. Eddie Marsh, Ozzie Dickinson, I think bad [illegible] [illegible]. Spoke to Sir Ian Hamilton. Looks just as [illegible] he appears. There was also [illegible] that his [illegible] has disintegrated. Sat between Lewis Einstein & Lady Jowitt. Spoke to Madeleine [illegible] after service & Lady Gladstone. Came away with Leslie Hartley & Cynthia Asquith & walked across Park to Athenaeum where Leslie & I had lunch. Congratulated Canon Hannay on his address, but Leslie added "Nothing" is what I could hear of it." Office. Signed letters. Home [illegible] [illegible] Mr Blanks [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Dinner [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible]. Japanese [illegible] [illegible]

WEDNESDAY August 15th

Early papers announce V.J. Day
G. & I finished breakfast in
papers and I packed. Not sure
if where we would be closed so
went to Burgess for hair-cut
but it was closed. I went to
office. Left note for Hunt -
collected papers & fruit & went
on at Simms & Black & Dancers
great rain which must have
damped King & Queen driving to
Parliament in open landau and
no great crowds. Lunch w. G.
at Dorchester & saw little
Prince of Saudi Arabia in his
native dress - gold chaplet round
his white flowing headdress.
In aft-n. [illegible] Lampson
& Lady Cunard yesterday - Lady C.
said she was greeting [illegible]
Bankers to Buckingham Palace
while C. visited Great Crowds in [illegible]
[illegible]. Got to Victoria in [illegible]
[illegible]. No food with tea but got
tea & bought fine grapes [illegible]
7/- Back to Kimberly J. & Dr. Hankie
Vicky Paxson [illegible] well. Fine -

THURSDAY. 16th August

Bright morning turning grey & cold. Alix depressed sadly. David Emmet & Peter Frankelin were ready to leave last night & then CCADA report was so bad she does not think it worth while to go back. She has been at the Castle working on report since last week. Tied paper flag on Paxie's collar. He seems very well & his rusty patches are better. Spent morning working on letters, accounts etc & filing papers. After lunch Alfreda [illegible] back. [illegible] celebrating [illegible] last night. Worked on accounts. Bill Burrough came over to see Alix & stayed to tea & dinner. Son of Admiral Burrough. Alix got to know him at Spencer Davie's last Sat. and he came over to take her & took her to [illegible] on Monday. Rested in bed. Down to tea. Alfreda Thomas & Josephine came in and Alfreda asked what is [illegible] dear Josephine [illegible] you? No answer. Evening [illegible]. How

[illegible]

FRIDAY 17th August 1945

Paxol came to my room at 7
I let him out & then got in
my [illegible] saw him standing
[illegible] waiting looking for Bill. [illegible]
into [illegible] Down to [illegible]. Sent
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] for Bertha Cat stamps
& beer. Luncheon C. & Alix
[illegible] lessons for dessert [illegible]
[illegible] trees. Down to stores. got
money & paid rum. 5 [illegible]
[illegible]. Peter Alix getting angry
[illegible] [illegible] telephone [illegible]
for call [illegible] Bill. accounts
all afternoon. [illegible] [illegible]
after the man accidents
Later I heard that Alix had called
up Bill and arranged to go there to
tea tomorrow — So that is all right
2 or 1 drink before dinner. I have
now returned to dressing for dinner
every night. [illegible] and read
papers. Paxol slept all evening
[illegible] only after I had taken him out
at midnight [illegible] I got him to eat
his dinner. [illegible] [illegible] watched [illegible]
eating a good deal [illegible] and [illegible]

SATURDAY August 18th, 1945
Paxes wakes me at 7 a.m. Bath & dressed for wedding. Get up to London by 9.10. Mrs Tomlinson in our carriage to Horsham where she still has her [illegible]. Viola & Bobby [illegible] joined us at P'borough. Get taxi at Victoria quite early & Viola Bobby & I go to St. James's Spanish Place. Very early so watched people coming in. V. & B. sat [illegible] up and refused to join [illegible] [illegible] (the point). Even [illegible] in next pew [illegible] arrived [illegible] Diamond's god-father. Then [illegible] with [illegible] daughter and mother [illegible]. Then Sharon, [illegible] & [illegible]. 2 boys very tall and handsome. Diamond quite [illegible]. Then to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] up both [illegible] famous [illegible] & [illegible] white [illegible]. Flowers [illegible] looked under great strain. Bride's mother came out first to [illegible] & [illegible] with difficulty got her [illegible] to her [illegible]. Father [illegible] all the service. He had brought up the bride's dark [illegible] black [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] all [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Reception [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

SUNDAY August 19th 1900 –
Peter woke me at 6.45 –
After breakfast, Took flowers
C & I picked out [illegible] decorate
Dick putting in grain. C & I, Peter &
Alex to Victory Service. Spoke to
[illegible] Francis Russell. Spoke to
aunt Pepper about [illegible]
in drawers. Brushed & combed Peter's
[illegible] hair was matted and I could not
[illegible]. After Church C & I had got
some delicious mulberries [illegible]
[illegible] good walk. Peter & Alex
drumming piano in D. Room. I translated
letter for [illegible] when C. went up to
rest. worked in various papers
till tea time. Bill Bough arrived in
middle of afternoon and the young people
had a [illegible] in D. Room. Mr Collier
made [illegible] at last but [illegible]
[illegible] cold and heavy. 3 [illegible]
Bill [illegible] William [illegible] Fisher
after [illegible]. C & I had a [illegible]
before dinner. [illegible] Coffee [illegible]
[illegible] Alex & Bill
sat in D. Room by firelight [illegible]
[illegible]

MONDAY August 20th
up 6.45 when Baxel came up for me. Fr. London Bridge to Charing + and had have chat Burgess. Lunch at desk. [illegible] for Alex by tel. 10 [illegible] [illegible] tonight. [illegible] [illegible] letter fr. [illegible] Citizens Welfare [illegible] will meet her. To flat + saw [illegible] [illegible] fixing hot water heater [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] bath. Home 5.4. Stopped + [illegible] car at Jack [illegible] [illegible] + [illegible] [illegible] letter. Must find material to [illegible]. C. [illegible] me But did not [illegible] till 12.30. Then Alex went to [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], so [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] all packing. Then when Alex got to Station they [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] telephoned. [illegible] to station, [illegible] said it was all right. However [illegible] [illegible] gave Alex his money. [illegible] Peter [illegible] letting Baxel get [illegible] in [illegible] + [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] letter fr. [illegible]. [illegible] off again -

TUESDAY August 21st 1945
... 70°C. Let Peter out in rain ... he did not like. Read in train. Tube to London. Back to Lancaster gate & got scraps of carpet not needed at flat to make floor mats for Chs. Saw Miss Brooks & Marguerite. Back to office & dictated letters & ... to Marguerite about flat. Lunch ... home & walk. Call for Sidney. Expect to get ... about ... Dull day, hot on the whole a very good summer. Home 5.30. ... Simpson said he ... not have let Alix ... account ... Taylor ... talked to his ... carpet ... Peter to ... comfortable ... rusty ... he ... till 9.30 when he ... Peter ...

1945 WEDNESDAY August 22

Up 6.45 Raining but clearing.
Got out papers for dictating
letters about money matters &
8.34 train Bus to office. Dictated
Mrs Bradley has sold Quin
Imperial in France. Dictated
etc. Lunch at desk. W.
draft letter to Nat Resources Board
about Children's preference tax
and to C. Balch about Cunning
Tax Claim. Home 5.30 Lately
went Lee Park get key
Look through. Left the 5 garden key
man who knew me did clean
on the Starrington direction. Looked
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Tel. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
by Fr. E. Batts [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] again for [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and then ate up his [illegible]
[illegible] Read Time Q. [illegible] called
[illegible] "[illegible] grammatical" [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] "the" [illegible] "[illegible]

THURSDAY August 23rd
Peter woke me at 6. Lay in my bed for awhile but got nothing in. Took Hyro down & left him out at 6.30. Signed letter dictated yesterday. Daily Barman. Sent St Paul's school paper to Milly Bentley w. article by her son Francis. Stopped at Ambassy Home P.C. Call for Captain Boyd with his latest. He does not like Royston. Frascati. Marlynd Paulin's Skinner. Checked Quigley joint proofs and sent them off to Lennox Robinson. Home 5.30 Stopped at Jack Castle's to see about carpet for car floor. Q. greeted me that Mrs Hagedorn was at cottage and had Chicken here with Q. Peter and Hannie and Q seemed to have liked her. I made no comment and I realize that is the only place for me to keep peace. Flemming discussed w. Peter about selling his table[?] sets

Dinner ... [illegible]

FRIDAY August 24th 1945

Pexer woke me at 7 o'c.
Breakfast wi. Peter. Saw
C. Humphrey about letters & posts
for apple crates in Steeple Bumpstead
which he is working on. Gave Pexer
a lesson in not looking at
motor manuals. 40. this
accounts etc. W. Davis Stewart
of Perth Theatre to ask about
Alex. I was ready for lunch
but left dining room to get Peter
set. mash in a little dish. E.
made a scene. Spent afternoon
cleaning and making lists
from letters & [illegible] of [illegible].
Sat in Peter's room and looked
at birds eggs that I collected in
1892 and that Peter had arranged
in cases. I could remember just
where I found many of them.
In Hampshire with Charlie [illegible]
and Theodore Chase. Peter said
he had been [illegible] in the
kitchen which amused me. He
actually asked Nannie where he
was to have it today. Rested after
tea. Then got out [illegible] [illegible].

SATURDAY August 25th 1945
Paxal wakes me at 7 o'c.
Telegram from Phil enthusiastic
about Perth. Tel. [illegible] to
[illegible] Chronicle [illegible] about
Furniture. To Square for
money, stamps & etc. Make
up envelopes & stamped
[illegible]. Delivery during morning
Paid Mrs. C. Humphrey for
[illegible] apple chutney up
Mended Paxal's collar fixing
[illegible] on again.
Mended hole in trousers
pocket of grey suit
C. of [illegible] lunch.
Jack Brunell came with his
[illegible] - Morris. Got him
to prune and other [illegible]
[illegible] Cricket-ground. [illegible]
[illegible] carpet
from both rooms [illegible]
Coats also cushion covers.
Paul Cerrello, U.S.A. Corporal
came for [illegible]. Set him to
work [illegible]
and [illegible]

SUNDAY AUGUST 26th 1945

Woke up 6 o'c with severe rheumatic pains in both wrists and neck. Got better but left wrist [illegible]. Wound clocks. To Jack Crutes [illegible] busy about his [illegible]. I left for Fleet a.m. [illegible]. Very hot. Baker [illegible] [illegible] up draft letter to 8 k. [illegible] about Alix. Ben Nicolson at cottage for Sunday & they all went to [illegible] picnic taking Tops. [illegible] Thomas [illegible] N [illegible]. Felt sick with pain and went to bed directly after lunch but couldn't sleep. Up 3.30 to [illegible] [illegible] & his [illegible] [illegible] of the Blessed Sacr[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] D [illegible] [illegible] to Germany. Bed [illegible] [illegible]. Finally [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. After tea, talked to [illegible] Wright who had Bellingham [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

MONDAY August 27th 1945
Woke feeling much better
but sore spine still upset.
Paul Carroll sleeping till 10.10
C & I up & breakfast 9.10
Lovely day sunny & cool.
Paddy's cast much better.
C. to Vasco's for permanent wave
and then an appointment with
Fran Sussmann. Cleared except
letters. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
Call fr. Heather & Jim Burnham
who wrote Managerial Revolution
Got binding tape for Jack Cooke
Home pm. @ $7.04. Fran S. brought
C. to [illegible] for lunch. What-
would we do with Baxat & Vicky?
Saw C. a drink before dinner.
After dinner quite better re
[illegible]. Got German music
for [illegible]. Bathed & combed
Paxie and Pete [illegible]. Paddy
back is nearly [illegible] by [illegible]
[illegible]. But never so dis-
[illegible] I have been [illegible]
in letters every night.

# TUESDAY August 28th

Tel. Charley to dine in [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible]. C. says he never [illegible]
on anything but [illegible] they
never [illegible] to bring [illegible]
Up to London 9.134. [illegible]
in train. Wrist-watch went. [illegible]
[illegible] - [illegible] - [illegible] at [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] nice [illegible] [illegible]
W. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Tel. Webb [illegible] knows
all about Elsie. Tel. [illegible]
about [illegible] - [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Talk Samuel about
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. To Lucks [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] which they say was
[illegible] by T. L. [illegible]. [illegible]
Aft. Talk Canon Hannay. Paul [illegible]
Tel. fr. Oliphant and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] book out this autumn. [illegible]
Cheap [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] - got any [illegible] -
V. [illegible] [illegible] caught 2 45 + [illegible] 1
was [illegible] at 6.30. [illegible]
platform [illegible] Miss [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. looked very handsome and [illegible]
offered me a lift. [illegible] [illegible] walking

WEDNESDAY Aug. 29th '40
Paxie came up to my room in
the dark at 4 o'c this morning
& lay on my bed so that I
hardly slept again. Dull – beginning
part of day. Dietahs [illegible]
Lunch Birdie Lockhart. Says
Montgomerie a great bet[illegible]
hates Americans & generally
makes trouble. Says he hopes
offer to the Athens for Sunday
Times at £3000 a year. Saw
Edinburgh Royal Infirmary
for a [illegible]. Then [illegible]
for a [illegible]. Want to hear
all London in the country.
Worked on Eddy proof.
from 5.30. Had Paxie sleeping
on my bed when I took my
bath as usual. After dinner
drew curtains in d. Room & put
away from my bed on sofa
as Paxie roused [illegible]
Terrific smell & [illegible]
bed [illegible] at 10.30. C. says [illegible]
& Bryan going to [illegible]
Beverly [illegible] & [illegible] 1 [illegible]
[illegible] Sandy, as C. says Nannie

THURSDAY August 30th 40

Paxel still asleep on N. Room sofa when I went down at 6.50, also shape plan was nearly well! Charles day. Duststall will take my [illegible] to Wachs 8.34 & slept in train & got along. Saw Vincent Earl, Norwegian who has a plan for publishing English letters in Norway. W. draft letter for Mr C. & [illegible] & dictated a bit. Lunch at Club. Private check [illegible] with Miss Mead. Worked on Mr Eddy proof.

Home 5.30 taking fish and horse meat. Stopped down Jack Coulter who says car's mileage is 36,000. Stopped [illegible] of the bakery who says he will do some [illegible] repairs. Bath etc. After dinner read paper. Brushed Paxel and fixed up sofa in N. room for him to sleep on. Peter played with Paxel and [illegible] him back as usual.

Friday August 31st 1945
Up 6.45. Pages again asleep
on sofa. Started cleaning out.
Tel. Freeman & Cook who can't
take furniture yet and advised
Cheney & Rittlesdorpher. Tel. &
they'll take stuff now.
Letter fr Aliz badly written &
almost illegible about Lisa & they
can't take nothing about her
work. Seems to have come to
live with a certain Jennifer.
Talked to Peter about Aliz
trying to make him feel some
responsibility. W. Aliz. After
tea Dr. read long letter fr.
John Harrington ex war orphanage
detached about both parents
& he and Ben detested Palmer
whom their mother has married.
Spent afternoon with some help
from Peter getting furniture
ready for Shiela to take to
Cheney & Rittlesdorpher. Carr
kept barking at cars & the police
man's motor cycle. Vera Barclay's
Swiss girl came to tea. Saw Smith's
res Caldsmith about auction. A. Hawes

SATURDAY SEPT. 1 1945

up with Paxe out - 7.30 - then back to bed. Breakfast 100°C. No bath. Rainy day. Down to S[illegible] for money & stamps & Alec. Asked Crawford for receipt. D[illegible] Paxe to and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] room. Paid men. Talk C. [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] fr. Studio. Needs reconstruction. Forgot - Insurance stamps & out [illegible] down for them. Stamped cards. After lunch made list of goods [illegible] out to safe [illegible] [illegible] & checked list in [illegible] [illegible] furniture. [illegible] [illegible] Peter. Explaining to Chataly about cooking stuff — which I [illegible] away. Paxe was run [illegible] at [illegible] on [illegible] [illegible]. After tea Peter & I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Miss Allen and [illegible] [illegible] at the Bakery. Got key to Studio for Miss Allen to take [illegible] place of [illegible] lost by Alec. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] went to Nanny's. C. [illegible] drunk. After dinner [illegible] [illegible] & bed early

SUNDAY 2nd September 1945
Up 6.45 Ate apple. Shampoo'd.
Bath after breakfast.
finished list of things to send
to another club. I [illegible]. Chris
W. MacDougal refusing to take
responsibility for extracting Elsie's
teeth! Church. Mr Stewart's
first Sunday. Omitted prayers for
King & Royal Family but in-
cluded King in prayer for clergy &
people. Asked Peter to help me
pick up apples: he demurred as
he was "filthy so far" but
he joined me after — sat on [illegible].
W [illegible] accounts cap. [illegible]
with [illegible] & MacArthur and
Truman. After lunch accounts
Amberley, personal, extra exp.
Alfreda and Brian left before
the Cornwall, but I did not
see them. They mean to fly to
Scilly Islands. Tea in [illegible]
[illegible] Played [illegible]. Packed for [illegible]
[illegible]. Parcel on my bed. [illegible]
before dinner, [illegible]
[illegible] music again. Bed early.

MONDAY Sept 30 '40

Dragon 6.40 and let Pierce [illegible] and [illegible] his [illegible] [illegible] practically no [illegible] [illegible] patches. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Dunstan taking Armand Tregeagle [illegible] [illegible] Billington [illegible] [illegible] he thinks Pierce [illegible] [illegible] Fitchewsh [illegible] and talked about his [illegible] John Mathews at [illegible]. A. Tappin talked [illegible] [illegible] left at [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] home [illegible]. Sent [illegible] [illegible] off [illegible] Charles [illegible] Pake. Sent [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Artist [illegible] [illegible]. Edwards [illegible] [illegible] Oliphants [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and dinner wi. [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] was there and [illegible] who [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] modest - beautiful [illegible]. [illegible] been to [illegible]. [illegible] is Atlas [illegible]. [illegible]

Tuesday Sept. 4th 1945
Up 7 o'c. Rainy day.
Office 10 o'c. Probably
1 hr. draft letters to
[illegible] slept [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] for his
[illegible]. Back [illegible]
for lunch w. C. Talked
[illegible] asked Miller [illegible] [illegible]
she [illegible] a taxi [illegible].
Says she may go to America
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. C.
[illegible] a [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] 1 o [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] - [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] - [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] M. C. [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. M. [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] is [illegible] on [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] C. at [illegible]
Margaret [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

WEDNESDAY Sept 5 –
Office 10 a.c. Talk M— S[illegible]
about royalty payments to N.Y.
and us. Mr. Mead & Mr. F[illegible]
about new house of 127
Dictated a draft letter etc.
To Dorchester to make up
for a luncheon [illegible]
(Eng.). He arrived [illegible]
but John [illegible] haunted [illegible]
clothes. Showed us hats
bought in Paris but would
not at all interesting. C.
bought hers [illegible]. C. stopped
at Selfridge's & on [illegible]
May in Seymour Street.
Returned office. Signed letters.
Called [illegible] Beard [illegible]
at his [illegible] back [illegible].
Worked on [illegible]. Met Plath
& [illegible] Caroline who is [illegible]
living at Amersham [illegible]
& Contract for a book [illegible]
Cake. ~~[illegible]~~ To Maurice [illegible]
& Mrs. Mathews who [illegible]
at Dorchester. [illegible] Cummins & Coy.
Macmillan [illegible] from [illegible]. Sta

THURSDAY. Sept 6th 1945
woke in night. Air; usual sore
breast & stiff neck. Packed
lift Peters glasses Return in 75
High Holborn. Mr West off for
long week end to [illegible] at
Hayling Island. Tell [illegible] Elsie
dead. Had a shock thinking
I might be affected who was
going to fly to Scilly Islands.
Tel Webb & found funeral
Tuesday. Walk around together
morning in Brighton. Some
snack & C. at T.O. [illegible]
where C. was having [illegible] W.
Gladys R. & [illegible] 3 [illegible]
[illegible] cheque & left cheque to pay
bill. [illegible] fit day [illegible] at
Bell [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] at [illegible].
[illegible] letters. Took fish home. No
[illegible] meat for Parker. Also paint
[illegible] varnish stain. Met C. Clare
[illegible] get free piece of cake. [illegible]
[illegible] Chas Mrs [illegible]
[illegible] Peter [illegible]
[illegible] possession of C. [illegible]
[illegible]. Read papers. [illegible]

FRIDAY September 7th 1944

Let Puzzle out at 6 A.M. Then put him back in cage and went to sleep again myself. Breakfast 9.30. Tel. Marguerite to tell her of Erics death. C. Humphrey has started steps at back in studio porch. Peter planks with C. measured wall step at times — a little higher than right wall. Lunch. C. + L + Peter. Peter cut down fox tree in way of path down steps. Cleaned puzzle. Re magazine Chasing Work. Worked all afternoon on accounts etc. W. Blackand[illegible] his £4.0.0. Tea C. & Peter. Then took some old furniture to Piper Alle to have a pretty coat. Peter has stuffed the bat & mounted it in a very pretty background. He has been very nice and comfortable and seems happy! Was playing today with [illegible] baby! Go to drink before dinner. I had bath. After dinner read papers. German music. I [illegible] and chess and asleep before 11.

SATURDAY Sept. 8 1945

Slept long and late.
Breakfast 9.30. Tel. Capt. Thi
[illegible]. Down to [illegible]
w/ Passi. Got stamps & money
Saw Becon about [illegible] and
Chase & got some darning wool.
Beer fr. Mrs Jackson. Saw
Cornthwaite about weight to
Chain Pass Rd. Paid [illegible], invited
Vicar & his wife to luncheon next
Sunday. Told Kitty to move herb
bed to plat beyond green house
[illegible] black [illegible] as usual
but nothing of great interest
News that night & papers this
morning [illegible] 3 V.C. to [illegible]
[illegible] & their prisoners - and
only V.C. to a foreigner to Thomas
Duncan in 1918. After lunch
paid Jack Brumby & put him
& Morris to cutting down. Cheery tea.
Peter & Cross & the Sullingers
[illegible] to Capt. Thi [illegible] about
Desmonds [illegible]. Back to [illegible]
& [illegible] green furniture to [illegible]
[illegible]. Bath, drink. After dinner
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible]

SUNDAY September 9th 1945

Breakfast with Peter 9.30
Read papers. Turned clocks
Trimmed moustache etc. Peter
went to station to meet Barbara
Davis brother Hugh Steer. Slender
good looking N.S.A. 1st Lieut.
Well over. Seems intelligent. Expects
to be an accountant. Was in
charge of store. Let fall Counter
very obligating. [illegible] [illegible] well.
Peter and I dove and picked up
apples to put in "Plane fell from the
board. Peter says Nuvelle [illegible] [illegible]
a "[illegible] week day so few for
bowl. Sherry Peter [illegible] [illegible].
I got rather ill in flight over [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] stiff [illegible] when I
felt all right. I [illegible] an cut the
branch from elm on path [illegible]
with help from Hugh. Ina and Peter
had been practicing boomerang on [illegible]
[illegible] after lovely walk [illegible] down
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. "Old [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

MONDAY September 10th 1945

up 7 o'c. Pretty cool now
Summer is just fine & the
[illegible]. Told Newell not
to give away any apples as I
wanted our barrel as full as
possible. [illegible] 34 to [illegible]
[illegible] Perkins [illegible]. Spoke to [illegible]
[illegible] of Original [illegible]
[illegible] got 2 Dozens [illegible]
[illegible] fine weather.
[illegible]. Called [illegible]
Stewart [illegible]
[illegible] Walpole St.
Call fr. Flt. Lt. J. M. Taylor
(J. B. Taylor's grandson) [illegible]
[illegible] No. [illegible] Daffy [illegible]
[illegible] went away on his [illegible]
[illegible] at [illegible]
[illegible]. Attic. no [illegible]
hat. Spoke to Allan Douglas
about election [illegible]
[illegible] I said [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Called [illegible] about [illegible]
Back to apples. Home 5-30

[illegible]

TUESDAY September 11

Heard Baxter hawking at 2 o'c
& found him [illegible] under-
foot. He had dropped some
hard lumps in Carpet. I
cleared it up & put him
out & then took him back
after. C. got up & [illegible] 9.15
& sent him off to have dressing
in [illegible] & they got a [illegible]
[illegible] at Station [illegible]
& took it to [illegible]. The
office — went early [illegible] &
[illegible]. Hugh [illegible] the church
Clarkson C. [illegible] & Marguerite
& on to Elsie's funeral K.
[illegible]. Gertrude [illegible]
Hugh [illegible] M. Webb. Elsie [illegible]
they sent and morning gifts up
to memorial. Dropped C. at
Mrs Hunts & took girls to King
& worked at office till 5.30
[illegible] C. 6.15. Took Baxter
out but as he would not do
anything I kept him out while. //

WEDNESDAY Sept 12th

Paxos followed Peter & me to
[illegible] Station and gather Pete
with him back to the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Fast [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Darwin [illegible]
[illegible] thanks on [illegible].
Peter Robinson [illegible]
[illegible] brought [illegible].
[illegible] spent [illegible] at
[illegible] Andrew [illegible].
Peter back to [illegible] before
lunch. Lunch [illegible]
Robin Darwin spoke [illegible]
[illegible] back. To [illegible]
[illegible] books [illegible]
[illegible]. Alan Meyers [illegible]
[illegible] has been [illegible]
[illegible] has given her [illegible]
[illegible] get out [illegible].
[illegible] Thomas [illegible]
[illegible] at Darwin's [illegible]
[illegible] declined [illegible]
[illegible] Barclays about [illegible].
Home 5.30. Bath. Ex. After
dinner read Times. Peter [illegible]
[illegible] Paxos. I left them out
[illegible] I undressed & got [illegible] 11.45

THURSDAY September 13th

8.34 to London. Stopped at Anderson's. Ges. my old gray coat [illegible] top button put on. [illegible] Oster, but he was out. [illegible] [illegible] went [illegible] but got 2 [illegible] [illegible] afternoon. Oliphant called & we went over plans with [illegible] O. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Dunne [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] milk. Came West [illegible] [illegible] "Gambler Sometimes Win" We went [illegible] Back [illegible] photo. engravers. W. De [illegible] call [illegible] ~~Dr. [illegible]~~ Togna about his [illegible] in America [illegible] talk [illegible] about his wife's health. Gave him a couple [illegible]. [illegible] got me a [illegible] [illegible] some horse meat. [illegible] Gilbert [illegible] & his wife here for the night. Bath [illegible] After dinner, American [illegible] music and times

[illegible — vertical note in left margin]

FRIDAY September 14th 1940

Breakfast 9 o'C. Rainy day. Read New Statesman. 3 letters received from Pop [illegible] Kelly & Dickens says it is not good. I did his seat. C. [illegible] at work on day [illegible] lifting [illegible] which is [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] Cakes [illegible]. Tel. [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] & [illegible] Frigidaire, Electric [illegible] Radio [illegible] in Shed. [illegible] all one [illegible] [illegible] Kelly [illegible] [illegible]. Paid bills etc. [illegible] my grey trousers [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] start his [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] after [illegible] dinner. [illegible] [illegible] dinner

# SATURDAY September 15

Bat in my room when I was woken flying about. Sat up for an hour & [illegible] hunting for it. But after I put the light out it started flying and I woke Peter & he swatted it with towel and it hid again. Then at 2 o'c it woke me up flying round & round. I finally caught it in the towel & slapped it & then wrapped up [illegible]. No bath. Letter fr. Highgate school to school [illegible] fr. 20th to 24th at [illegible] [illegible] to 30th [illegible] for stamps money [illegible]. 5 letters [illegible] Bacon [illegible] named [illegible] White [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] headache. W. [illegible] about [illegible] who is [illegible].

CALLED TO LUNCH

After lunch Brown & Maurice cut down cherry tree. Put on [illegible] [illegible]. After tea Peter & I [illegible] furniture fr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] stopped [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

SUNDAY September 16th 1945

Daxer howled at 3.45 & I went down & let him out [illegible] hardly slept again. up [illegible] [illegible] ex 8 o'c. Cleaned through [illegible] room cupboards [illegible] [illegible] to sell. G. & I [illegible] [illegible] & I brought down [illegible] things from attic. Vicar & [illegible] wife to luncheon. Nice [illegible] rather absent-minded people [illegible] they left & G. went [illegible] [illegible] I with help from [illegible] [illegible] fr. [illegible] Baby [illegible] more things to sell [illegible] others and went to ask [illegible] G. although I ought to make an itemized list. She said yes so I [illegible] and [illegible] finished after dinner. [illegible] Mr. Peter & G. [illegible] has cold and sore throat. Daxer would not eat his dinner. He always seems to [illegible] to eat in this [illegible]. G. says I [illegible] [illegible]

MONDAY Sept. 17 1945

up 6.45. After breakfast [illegible] Mrs [illegible] to get [illegible] [illegible] dinner at [illegible] [illegible] to see Price [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Charly about [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] all the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] office. Dictated. Call fr. [illegible] about Oldsmobile [illegible] [illegible] out + get [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Paint Creek St. [illegible] [illegible]. Lunch at desk. To Price + got sporting books [illegible] [illegible] Edwards and Dream Days for Marilyn Skinner. Took [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] got [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] St George's [illegible] [illegible] again. Signed letters. Home 5:30 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] paint [illegible]. I got a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] his [illegible] [illegible]. Walked fr. [illegible] [illegible] Kenneth [illegible] Phelps back fr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] + [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

TUESDAY Sept 18, 1945

up 6.40 + by hurrying managed bath etc. Order over left at the [illegible] Humphreys to paint white furniture. W. John H. in Teheran, got [illegible] Left G's letters [illegible] at [illegible] Corner. Saw [illegible] there + told Miss Clark that I had got him over [illegible] [illegible] Still no [illegible] cigarettes. W. draft letters for [illegible] C. [illegible] copy – Dame Una Pope [illegible] about [illegible] etc. [illegible] typed my letter to John H. Talk Mr. West about future organization. Told him I hoped [illegible] would want him to [illegible] [illegible] his time to representing [illegible] Said I might have John [illegible] U.S.A. Did not promise him [illegible] place in new London organization but hoped we could use [illegible] [illegible] to some extent. Lunch [illegible] [illegible] milk. Washed [illegible] [illegible] Eddy. Home 5.4. Peter [illegible] his [illegible] paint for first time + looked [illegible] [illegible] Bet + Cynthia [illegible] + Dennis [illegible] C. P. dinner. [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] before dinner, + she [illegible] [illegible] after [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

WEDNESDAY Sept. 19th

Peter going to Arundel. 10 a.m. note
for Frederic Swanson in Tray.
Worked on Eddy. Tried to get Commerce
on telephone to mend my typewriter. Clock
had stopped in night but [illegible] going
for months. Lunch at desk. Tel.
from Helen going to Paris on Monday
for few days. Got my coat
altered by Anderson for Peter.
Saw Fred Swanson about [illegible] C.
Talk Miss Mead about taking a holiday
while J. Mac C. [illegible] trade [illegible]. Home
5.30. Louis joined me at [illegible].
and I drove home with him.
Peter has that analysis [illegible]
and a [illegible]. Want more
[illegible]. He gave Charles the [illegible]
[illegible] Chicky Cabana [illegible]
[illegible]. Bath [illegible]. Had
dinner on tray by fire in
sitting room not feeling so
well. After dinner tel. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. I mended [illegible]
trousers for Peter. Read [illegible]
[illegible]. Ellen [illegible]
(A [illegible] came over after dinner to coach)

THURSDAY 20th Sept 1945

Talk Charles about goods for auction. Peter [illegible] is [illegible] Draft [illegible] with Mr [illegible] birthday [illegible] Talk [illegible] [illegible] Mills [illegible] [illegible] both named Mills died in the [illegible] brought up by uncle as old [illegible] who died last winter [illegible] Talk [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] dark [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Arundel. Got [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] talked to [illegible] about [illegible] who called here today. [illegible] [illegible] fell from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in his [illegible]? [illegible] [illegible] for 3 months. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible]. Talk to [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Tel. [illegible] Moores [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 1d [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] desk. Tel [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Dictated. Jones 3:4. C. letters. Bath [illegible] Peter [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] out on [illegible] [illegible] my birthday present & J. [illegible] me [illegible] [illegible] Mill [illegible] [illegible] 3/1 3. [illegible]

FRIDAY Sept 21, 1945

Peter got up @ 6 o'c and shot
a rook. He left some after &
I was woken by Bruce [illegible]
into my room. Breakfast 9.30
& up to C's room while she was
staying in bed for talk & cigarette
[illegible]. Nannie Alfreda & I [illegible]
around and [illegible]. Peter
stuffed his rook. I examined
[illegible] with [illegible] pheasant
[illegible] an account before &
after lunch. Hunted for piano
tuner's glasses. Peter [illegible]
shooting and got home for tea.
C & I tea and talked about [illegible]
a family who lacked [illegible].
Peter shot another hare. C & I
small drink before dinner from apple
jack given by two of the election
Americans and Bourbon whiskey
given by Lithgow in return for
my golf balls. After dinner
Peter played with Taxal. I
read papers. Lovely moon at
night when I took Pagel
out before putting him to bed

SATURDAY Sept 22 1945

[illegible] designer with Peter
got stamps money and
[illegible]. Mark up envelopes
and paid [illegible]. Told little
[illegible] cut up Cherry tree in [illegible].
[illegible] is very happy [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] Arthur's [illegible]
[illegible] a fine day at the end
[illegible] replies he [illegible] to return
[illegible] Italy. Talk Humphrey about
painting furniture etc. and
gave him small chest of
drawers. Talk [illegible] about
making path from [illegible] to
[illegible]. C. has [illegible]
[illegible] against [illegible]
[illegible] thinks path [illegible]
[illegible]. When Barker arrived [illegible]
[illegible] out to cut down and put
[illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]
garden. Ma [illegible]
[illegible] R.C. [illegible] walk at [illegible]
[illegible] Smiths [illegible]
[illegible] Richmond [illegible] his wife [illegible]

SUNDAY September 23, 194

up late. Washed hair. Peter up early + what in week. Discussed things [illegible] and Alex with B. W. labels for Peter because Alex has bicycle. Brian brought an American named Waldo fr. California. After lunch Peter altered pockets and tried on grey trousers that Nannie lengthened and found they were too long. Gave them to Nannie to shorten. Brian asked C. if she would like to go for drive in his car to show Waldo the country. She said no. Wrote draft letter to [illegible] Lloyds Bank account. C. and Peter came back late to tea as Brian drove them all about the country and stopped at [illegible]. After tea washed Peter's [illegible] and dried him before fire where he lay in a state of collapse all the evening.

MONDAY Sept 24, 1945
up 6.30 and bath and
caught 7.34 train. Stopped
[illegible] to [illegible] Barnes. Got
bus to Cheyney [illegible]. Called Abbott
but no [illegible]. Called Midland
Bank about interest and
exchange. Mr Davies and
Mr Williams joint managers
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Called R.A.C. [illegible] it but
[illegible] other man Jackson who
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 3.15
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] at 4.00. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] 10.15 [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Told Kenneth
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] back
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Home 5.30. G [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

TUESDAY Sept 25th 1945

up 6.45 I took Peter out
and brought him back to get
him away from Bruce. To bed at
8.30. Slept in train. Call for
Oliphant & finished his proofs.
Luncheon at desk. I [illegible] Dallington
[illegible] dishes and D. Met for
[illegible] [illegible] Dictated. Mrs C. Weather
has turned new cash. Got 130
cigarettes for [illegible] dealers for [illegible]
[illegible]. Oliphant for Richmond
& accepted his offer of 390 for
car. Home 5.30. G. had
nice fire in sitting room. Washing
for Parkinson this [illegible] clothes
to dry. I brought Peter
in and he slept on my
feet while I had my bath
and [illegible] after dinner. Engage-
ment announced of Ottilie
Jameson and Elizabeth
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Sutherland. Read Times and
listened to music. G. quite
[illegible] Peter and so do I.

WEDNESDAY Sept 26th 45

Bath and [illegible] breakfast
[illegible] C. 7.45 Passes [illegible]
[illegible] of his [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in making
[illegible] up to [illegible] Taking
[illegible] Cabinets to [illegible]
[illegible] Vases: [illegible]
[illegible] in boxes and left
[illegible] which I had
[illegible] together [illegible]
office arranged them as my
[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], Copy from M[illegible] -
[illegible] C.'s [illegible] doctor May
and told him something of her
[illegible]. Seems a [illegible]
anxious to do the right thing.
[illegible] for N.1. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] declared
[illegible] C. [illegible] [illegible]
a [illegible] apparently. C. [illegible] from
7.30. S he had been to Dr May
drink before dinner. Bed early

THURSDAY Sept 27th 1945
up to London by 8:34
got [illegible] and [illegible]. [illegible]
office before 10.30. W. draft-
letter to James MacGibbon
suggesting salary £520. Signed
letter dictated yesterday afternoon
to C.C.C. Central [illegible] –
[illegible] finding stamps for [illegible]
Newmarket with Friends. N. Bright-
[illegible] and [illegible] five [illegible] [illegible].
Lunch at [illegible]. [illegible]. for [illegible]
back from Japan prison. [illegible] for
[illegible] Miles back for [illegible]
[illegible] matter is [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] completely Russian [illegible]
[illegible] for communism
by British occupation. [illegible]
[illegible] likes to visit [illegible]
all [illegible]. The [illegible]
equally unpleasant whether left or
right. [illegible] got [illegible]
[illegible]. Home 5.30. Peter did not
eat his food at breakfast [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] American Communist,

FRIDAY Sept 28th 1945

Paxie hooted at 7.30 and I went
down & found he had made a pool
on door. Could not blame him.
Read papers & waited for Richmond
who came for Paxie at 12 o'c [illegible]
and then could not start the
engine. Gave me cheque for £395 –
Newell at work on path to apple
screen. Humphrey at work on
path from Charley's front door round
house. Paxie wanted not to eat
again at luncheon time. W.
letter & Alex. W. draft letter
to Midland Bank. T.M. B[illegible]
was due tonight. Collected the
[illegible] table etc. for Price. Allen
talk without Kitty who is
[illegible] and say his [illegible] &
Charley are [illegible] back to
[illegible]. Tea no [illegible], rain. Dried
[illegible]. Paid bills – W. Capt.
[illegible] and Silver Superior. Drink
before dinner. After dinner news
American commentary & music.
Paxie ate his dinner. I had spoken
– vet on tel. this afternoon & Heard

SATURDAY Sept 29th 1945
Left doors open last night
so that Peter could get out if
he stayed quiet on gate. up
7.30 Breakfast 9. Read papers
to anxious [illegible] many [illegible]
& Uber. Saw Charles [illegible] [illegible]
that he could chuck up [illegible]
and men & stamp [illegible] cables. [illegible]
McBrien had been given M.B.E.
for his work on [illegible].
C. very tired after doing [illegible]
and so irritable after lunch
over [illegible] cottage [illegible] where [illegible]
[illegible] asked Philip to be [illegible]
literary advisor and offered £50.
a year as retaining fee. [illegible]
& Mary cutting off big branch
[illegible] in [illegible] yard [illegible]
left last Saturday. Lovely summer
[illegible] day. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] stump. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
Tea on [illegible] table [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] washed [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Sunday Sept 30. Pexel came up lonely room at 1.30 & jumped on my bed; but no matter I took him down. Thought I saw spot on carpet & floor but it disappeared at morning & later to night I found it was shadow of a tall flower on the elm. Cl. to Cudlip, she likes Stewart's sermons. I spent morning on Alaskan proofs. Before Brian & Thomas started to drive to Ludworth Cove for day, but car wouldn't go & they turned back for Broughton. Just after luncheon spent afternoon painting white Clark's pathway out carving in light-brown. Tea w. J. and talked about family. Worked till dark sawing off strong on elm tree but could not quite finish it. Drink before dinner. My leg not dry yet. After dinner got pictures etc ready, which up to London & old car to bring back whisky & gin etc for Betty.

MONDAY Oct 1, 1945

up 7 o'C. Let Paxes out for a run — then had [illegible] from [illegible] on his safe. [illegible] [illegible] apart [illegible] Eileen down to Cattage. Came Paxes [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]. @ 7 [illegible] [illegible] Mrs [illegible] + Mr Mathews re [illegible]. Left [illegible] at D[illegible] office [illegible]. [illegible] re sale of [illegible] and first payment of [illegible] sent to [illegible]. £129. Morning [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] Fairhaven [illegible] and left him there [illegible] to have tea. Call for Paxes [illegible] [illegible] Vicar of Wakefield [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Sent [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] and [illegible]. @ 1 " to "Lady Windermere's Fan" No [illegible] and no depth — but all [illegible] put together so that it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] entertainment. [illegible] [illegible] 9 o'C. Sat in lounge and [illegible]

TUESDAY. Oct 2 1945
Overnight in Theatre and
woke at 5 o'c p.m. my
usual sore throat. Slept
[illegible] but [illegible] sleep
[illegible], had not [illegible]
[illegible] clock 8.20
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] till 7.30. After breakfast
to [illegible]. She
[illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible]. She has appointment
with Fr. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] worked all day on
[illegible] [illegible]. Lunch at
desk. Finished diet w. Mrs
[illegible] & Miss Fleming [illegible]
instruments. Back to [illegible]
7.30. C. has [illegible] from her
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Dinner. Sib & Frank
who consulted me about
work in China [illegible]. S.
suggested [illegible]
[illegible] at [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] in bath & we talked.

Wednesday Oct 3rd 1945

Woke at 5.15. but slept on till after I got up at 7.15

Tel. Abbey Alighent [illegible] Olympia [illegible] had a good night. Office 9.40. Tel Helen C. B. Tel Mrs Breitenbach. Call from Lewis Bush [illegible] about [illegible]. Back from [illegible] prison camp. Night [illegible] but [illegible] from England. Lunch Chanticleer [illegible] Brought back Bernie M. Saw the Gardens [illegible] Benson Mantle Charterio Frank M. and Betty daughter. Stopped at 1 S Myers but at home ill. Stopped at Watsons [illegible] out but Watson out. Office signed letters. Call [illegible] who had come to house his sports coat [illegible] Call Helen Hart back [illegible]. Did not want to [illegible] Chamberlain. Dinner [illegible] Ballantine & D'Arcy latter [illegible]

Thursday October 4th 1945
Started after 11 oc. Stopping
at Hopkins Purvis for
fresh distemper. Discussed
(sympathy) American books wi
Mr Went.) Made list of books to
be advertised with Miss Mead
Lunch at desk. Drew up
advertisement and gave it to
Miss Cook to copy and dispatch
Excited cable fr. John whether
come to London and check
no Milton engagement. Cabled
him to stay at Milton. Letter
from James disappointed at
salary as I feared. Thought
of plan to send Mr Went to
America on visit to satisfy
him. 5.30 train home wi. [illegible]
and Nannie taking distemper
fr. Hopkins Purvis and horse-
meat. Started train at P'boro
before I had got luggage, but
stopped it again for me. Think
I dropped fountain pen on platform
Got Baxter fr. Gastons. Drink
after dinner tel. station about my pen

[illegible]

FRIDAY October 5th

up 6.45 and went out in a dripping morning quiet with Peter and then brought him up to my room while I dressed. After breakfast, to Lady Ogilvie [illegible] going on well. Tel. [illegible] & Peterborough station about my paper and then had telephone from Taylor that he had found it in this taxi. Great rejoicing. He brought it back later & I gave him 10/-. Directed Humphrey [illegible] building wall for more pots to apple room. Letter from Alice she has had some splendid [illegible]. Sheila went with me, I where I took some of Bruce things & mended wash-stand and took a wheelbarrow where I took away [illegible] glass. After lunch to Peter & Alex. Tel. Mrs Andrews of Climatic Cottage about rooms for Bruce. Sketch to paint coat of arms on white chairs. Tea out of shop of elm branch. Talk [illegible] Fanning & her mother in [illegible]

SATURDAY October 6th

Up 7.30 Paxes up & standing by door eager to go out. Read papers & telephoned. G. had better letter fr. Felix. Has had quaking fits. Down to square for stamps & money. Made up envelopes and paid Tim. Nevill & Humphrey just before 12. Charles Miller takes after calculating Lettie's income tax weekly payment for next 3 months, Speedo to lunch. Brian has spent last few nights in London at [illegible] with his United nations work. After lunch Bowell & Morris cutting off lower branches in lawn. I spent afternoon painting the chairs I am decorating. Mrs Lewis stopped to talk when she came in [illegible] Sheila. G. & I in taxi to Mrs Clements cottage to see if it would do for Bowell. Found on return part Humphrey had made wall too straight so took it down. Went to Morris's [illegible] [illegible] & explained to Humphrey [illegible] before dinner. No radio as it is out of order. Put clocks back

SUNDAY 7th October

up 7 o'c let Paxe out and brought him in again and went back to bed. Up 8.30 Reading paper before going to church when Mrs Rathven called to ask for bag or suit case for Lucker who lost everything in fire. Gave them my old "melt-up" after fixing handle with cord. Nannie gave her old week end case. I got out my old quality bag but it had to have handle sewed on. To church late. Excellent sermon by V. Sale. Started to read Maeterlinck's Part I Ugliness & Beauty again. Then out for stroll w. Ed. Stopped Sadie at home off to Parkwood in car. After lunch painted black strips on coats of dark on chairs. Then dug more fencing for [illegible] wall. Walk w. Paxe to Wild... Current gin before dinner & mixed [illegible] in [illegible] — [illegible] Paxe asleep [illegible]

Read magazine [illegible] Palestine
his [illegible] [illegible]

MONDAY Oct 8 - 1945

...ff a mark for Humphrey
...pent wall and has old
...g with mended handle start
...t Lukens. Out before breakfast
...useum Street and reached office
9:30. Cleared off a lot of
...ld stuff in dictation [illegible]
...no [illegible] and w. draft.
...ltr to Chris Massey [illegible]
...is Alexander. Lunch at
...sk. Afternoon signed letters
...d w. a few major drafts.
...efore dinner I had a
...last a heart talk w. [illegible]
...mmersly about Mr West
...d he agreed with me he
...has better be kept in
...New York side. Home
...:30 and again by station
...s. Lumsden. G's cold [illegible]
...etter. After dinner paid a
...ing bills. Read Times. I put
...ax at desk. Thought Vicky had got
...t but she was found on G's bed

[illegible]

TUESDAY Oct 9th 1945
Kept looking at Alpers' all
night — but slept much
between times. Up 6.40
Mrs Cashin is suffering again
with her old bladder trouble.
Out to see Humphreys early
in daylight. Seems perfect
again. Office 10.35. Bulletin
and signed letters all morning.
Lunch at desk. Curtis [illegible] &
Poppen have figures of 1 [illegible]
did with my trading and become
[illegible]. Read Alex's letters to
Martyn from his prison camp
and the boat. Tel. [illegible]
W. Martyn. Home 5.30. Quite
dark walking home fr. station.
Cut Poker fr. Chabley [illegible]
[illegible] from this dinner but [illegible]
[illegible] and touch it [illegible]
all. After dinner radio still
[illegible]. [illegible] 7 [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] bills etc. Letter fr. [illegible]
wants [illegible] but Nanni has
[illegible]

WEDNESDAY Oct 18th

up 6.45 I. [illegible] Peter out and
brought him back to keep
him away for Bruce. Oct 1
up to [illegible] 9.10 with Vivian
Noel. Oat [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Office [illegible] [illegible]
lunch [illegible] [illegible] Cazenove [illegible]
and [illegible] Bush. [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] Club [illegible]
[illegible], Molly Buck [illegible]
back to office. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] telephone [illegible]
[illegible] Alex [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] Murray [illegible].
Spent afternoon on Cazenove [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] C. 6.15. I [illegible] my [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and a 14 [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] not [illegible] anything [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

# THURSDAY Oct 11th

Lovely morning. Asked Charley to keep Parker with him all day and in bed he seemed slightly rough throat & took Cof throat tablets, and ate nothing any one knew of. Office. Got throat got worse till pr. Cecilia says allergies really all right. Night takes Dhani Parents to [illegible] her flat and look after it while she was away. Call fr. [illegible] wants to come back. Lunch at office. Mrs C typed letter I wrote W. Peters in train. Mr West and Mrs [illegible] proposed to take the letter V. [illegible] That seems to be due, on Monday. Home 5:24 put warm in train for first time all day. Felt better. [illegible] for Charley to keep Parker and gave him pancit meat. To bed as soon as I got home. Worked on [illegible]

Friday Oct 12th 1948
Dull drizzly day warm.
Slept well but sore throat
[illegible] Whe [illegible] Beth
[illegible] may or may not have
been a good thing. No jam or
[illegible] Stopped for breakfast
[illegible] in bed. Read New Statesman
[illegible] D. Mirror. Did Amherst accounts
[illegible] September. C. came up. Wet
[illegible] Blames U.S.A. for callous
[illegible] out of Palestine. C. [illegible]
[illegible] W. Nannie in dining room
[illegible] Mrs Blake brought [illegible]
[illegible] of days. After that
[illegible] up and [illegible]
[illegible] with my throat [illegible]
lunch [illegible]
[illegible] in Smith [illegible]
[illegible] pretty dressed and [illegible]
[illegible] sitting room. W. [illegible]
[illegible] questions about [illegible]
[illegible] no place for [illegible]
[illegible] Shipping
[illegible] accounts [illegible] Exp.
[illegible] delayed by fog
[illegible] Nannie brought up [illegible]
[illegible] brought [illegible] C. sat with me.

SATURDAY October 13th 1945

Cold [illegible]. Bath ex. Jim got money and I made up [illegible] and C. paid men. She wanted to give [illegible] to Jim, but I wanted him to pay each one. Stamped [illegible] Tel. Cheney about [illegible] [illegible]. Telegram to Christopher to come next week end with Molly B. After lunch spoke to Jack Binnell [illegible] both [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] round [illegible] and he [illegible] up [illegible]. Then [illegible] and [illegible] Still [illegible]. [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible]. C. [illegible] brought [illegible] home [illegible] [illegible] Quit. My chest began to [illegible] and I [illegible] that the inflammation [illegible] I had gone down. Back to bed and felt much [illegible]. Worked at Gregory [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] for [illegible]. C. [illegible] [illegible] after [illegible] visit [illegible] [illegible] gift. [illegible] Gregory [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]

SUNDAY October 14, 1945

[illegible] still in bronchial [illegible]
[illegible] also inflamed. Did not [illegible]
[illegible]. But went into Q's room
[illegible] bed made. Read Dream
[illegible] and passage about Q.
[illegible]. fascinating. Dull misty
[illegible] all the morning.
[illegible] inflammation in [illegible]
[illegible] extremely outside. Regular
[illegible] lunch, [illegible]
[illegible]. Read Round [illegible]
[illegible] about Cat-Eat [illegible]
[illegible] married when [illegible]. apparently
[illegible] against immediate marriage.
[illegible] all afternoon. Felt better
[illegible]. Read Chinese book [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Get to the
[illegible] Blues. [illegible]
[illegible] tail [illegible]
[illegible] Q. [illegible]
[illegible] of Coffee. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and
[illegible] dinner. [illegible] brought
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] R. C. [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] 9.

MONDAY Oct 15 - 45

Half asleep in a stupor of perspiration. Huge drums throughout which I have to wake stick every 3 hours. ... Change of pyjamas 6.30 and lay still and not [illegible] back. Moved into C's room after sponge bath in bed, which I [illegible] did only to stop. Skimmed Roderick Hudson. Christina seemed to me a model of [illegible]. Call from Dr [illegible] Refused to take [illegible] + aspirin. Chicken soup & rice pudding for luncheon. Talk to [illegible] about putting plate of goat over powder stained [illegible] [illegible] building of earth. G. came up to see me. Tayntons home left to stay at Dick Wyndham's. Phoned, [illegible] [illegible] for covering and did not [illegible] but these symptoms. Struggled in upper rooms. Tonic + wrote 6 shift a bit before dinner. Dinner cream. Tomato and apple sauce. Papers are [illegible] excellent this morning. The Rector after dinner [illegible] Pike, Cups 9

[illegible]

Tuesday Oct 16th 1945

Better night with less perspiration [illegible] up to London alone. Lunch at the Club with Margery Williams [illegible] had a regular feast but no [illegible] excesses. Realised two [illegible] letter to Peter in "Ecstasy" [illegible] that I have put [illegible] about 2/3 [illegible] [illegible]. Lovely still Autumn [illegible] Bright sun. Doctor V. [illegible] Green practically gone. [illegible] Baked apple for lunch. [illegible] food poison [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] after. A [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] death [illegible] [illegible] lunch! My [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] better. 5 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] struggling with [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] G. [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]. Margery [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] says [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

WEDNESDAY Oct 17

Better night, nearly well.
Mild day sun and cloud
C. feeling less cold. A. brought
Thomas Jones. Read Maurice-
Tmes. C. telegraphed Christopher [illegible]
I wrote him a P.O. repeating what
[illegible] to [illegible] W. Molly
[illegible] Mrs Cook, Mrs
Andrews, Clematis Cottage, W.
C. [illegible] Alex. [illegible]
[illegible] C and A. [illegible]
[illegible] The news [illegible]
[illegible] angel frightened [illegible]
[illegible] at all and [illegible]
[illegible] Algernon Cecil. To [illegible]
[illegible] little but [illegible]
[illegible] Mrs [illegible]
[illegible] C. [illegible]. I complained
to C. and she was angry [illegible]
[illegible] if she was [illegible] and
did not hear either Mrs [illegible]
until 4.30. Tea w. cheque for
[illegible] and [illegible] clerk [illegible]
[illegible] with me impossible. [illegible]
W. [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] C. W. Martyn Skinner [illegible]

Thursday Oct 18th 45

Bitter night but felt very weak
[illegible]ing bath. Breakfast in B.S.
[illegible]ork. Spent morning writing
[illegible]off letters for Miss E.C. to type.
[illegible]ed a great deal. Dr [illegible] who
[illegible] but came today or yesterday
[illegible]legram from Christopher that
[illegible] coming Friday night in a
[illegible]eep. He simply never got round
[illegible] answering first telegram.
[A]fter lunch I asked B. Inst to
[illegible] Thomas over here when
[illegible] were resting & working on
[illegible] and then rested till 5.30
[N]o appetite for tea fed coughing too
[m]uch. Key [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] lunch. Coughed very little
[illegible]. Came up to do some [illegible] a
[l]ittle while before and after dinner.
[illegible] at about 9.30 and
[illegible] some more letters for Miss
[illegible]ok to copy. Felt better

Friday Oct 19th 1945

Do not seem to get better. Big bath papers at breakfast and after. Had Charley up & told him about Hampton's man coming to value property. Charley will take him round after Mrs Clayton's funeral where he will be a pall-bearer. W. letter to Peter and then after lunch W. Alex. Mr Clark of [illegible] came about 12.30 & I had a talk. Dr. Venables called after lunch and started me on M&B tablets. Ralph and Peter Mr Clark came back for brief report. Ruth. Christopher asleep [illegible] & I made him put it [illegible]. Talk. He is sympathetic to [illegible] Victory. Molly Hartley arrived. I had only cream toast for dinner. C. came up [illegible] of Catholic talk. I told her about William being a conscientious objector. [illegible] to tolerant as she had [illegible] taken [illegible] work & danger. Very [illegible]

SATURDAY Oct 20th

Slept only very lightly. Conscious
continuous great pain
...k M. + B 20°C & 10 etc
...ick bath. Read papers
...actically no conclusion. Very
weak. Christopher and Molly
...k on downs. [illegible] Molly
to C. paid men. Christopher [illegible]
on [illegible] talked about farming
...has not done [illegible]
the lunch. finished letter [illegible]
...expenses for office. Saw and
...st two points. Rested. Left
...time at 4. took him to see
...Cashin. Molly and Chris. off on
...following [illegible], [illegible]
...Clough. for [illegible] ride. Molly
Chris got off. [illegible] trying to get
to FitzAlan Chapel. Afterwards walked
castle from [illegible] & the [illegible]
...ed [illegible] Lady Cadogan. Chris came
...see me. Couldn't help be a little
...ter. Chris up after dinner. Finished
...going over a [illegible].

SUNDAY October 21st 1945
Gout a little better but again slept little & light [illegible] rested. Bath 7.30 but little [illegible] mist and rain all day. Read papers. Checked Cruzaki page dates. Chris & Mabs to Church 11 o'C. Arundel. C. of Church here. Likes Mr Stewart. Dr came. Says Mrs Gosling has neglected her leg for years. But Gosling insists that she was all right when she came and only [illegible]. Patsi came up to see me this morning and stayed all day. After lunch, Arthur Chris out for walk in rain with Brian and Newman. Tried of Cruzaki proof [illegible] but missed [illegible]. [illegible] Rested on Patsi's in my bed. Chris came up to see me before tea after [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] & Newmans. C. [illegible] by [illegible] came [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 100°. After dinner – [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Chris came up to say goodbye

MONDAY Oct. 22nd 1945
[illegible]ris. left in his Jeep at 8 o'C
[illegible]d Nalley went [illegible] Taylor in taxi
[illegible] 9 o'C. C. sat with her in hall
[illegible] her night-gown & pink dressing gown
[illegible] [illegible] getting [illegible] Chilled
[illegible] Nalley went off for [illegible] stay
[illegible]. Cecelia brought up my breakfast
[illegible] said good bye. Played for [illegible]
[illegible] at 11 o'C. I went with C. [illegible]
[illegible] pink [illegible] my room. [illegible]
[illegible] up [illegible] me and stayed with
all morning. Letter from [illegible] 5
[illegible]ked on [illegible] + [illegible] next
day. Dr came before lunch.
[illegible] [illegible] M. [illegible] C. [illegible]
[illegible] through [illegible] had taxi C.
[illegible] to have Mrs Hoare
[illegible] till 4 o'C and then returned to
[illegible]room. C. came up and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] she [illegible] to
[illegible] about 5.45. C. came
to see [illegible] and [illegible] going to
[illegible] tomorrow and asked if she would
[illegible] asked Mrs Hoare to make
[illegible]. She began [illegible]
[illegible] she wished she [illegible]

TUESDAY 23rd Oct.

Usual uneasy night - waking by coughing, sputum & draughts. Rain in night and wind in morning. C. spoke strongly [illegible] before going to London for staff [illegible]. [illegible] for [illegible] books for [illegible] Jap. prison camp. Letter from [illegible] re cheque [illegible] signed. A. came in [illegible] me at 11 o'c. Signed cheques & [illegible] C. briefly. Read Times. Rested. Luncheon [illegible] prepared by [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] up [illegible] me and fixed my electric stove. Said C. [illegible] a busy farm [illegible]. [illegible] brought up [illegible] and [illegible] stayed with me all the afternoon. [illegible] & [illegible] not [illegible]. [illegible] on [illegible] that [illegible] changed when D. came. [illegible] me better & spoke of getting up, but must not yet. After [illegible] read [illegible] of [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] picture of [illegible] before the Japanese [illegible]. C. came back in better spirits. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Saw [illegible] [illegible] that said [illegible].

WEDNESDAY 24th Oct.

[illegible] papers. C. has heard from [illegible] that Suzanne has been [illegible] and made [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] Stormy anyway but [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] C. [illegible] stranger etc. Dr. [illegible] [illegible] get up for a bit [illegible] [illegible] by my bed the morning and [illegible] for lunch. [illegible] vegetables & apple [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]. Went to sleep [illegible] with [illegible] in my bed [illegible] till nearly [illegible] time [illegible] [illegible] playing about. [illegible] up and [illegible] with [illegible] little [illegible]. [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible]. She says he has an [illegible]. [illegible] thought about [illegible] [illegible] office and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] out. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at the Back [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] some change and [illegible] great deal of V. [illegible] [illegible]. C. [illegible] [illegible]. Talked of [illegible].

Thursday Oct 25th 1945
Sweated and changed pyjamas
night. Breakfast in bed.
In G's room after breakfast
Read papers. Then at 11.30
got up & dressed. Down stairs
and had a glass of hot milk.
Wild stormy day of wind and
rain. Sent [illegible]. Woods
Clarke. Got out some honey
Put away papers etc in N[illegible].
Back to my room for lunch.
Paid bills. Still 30°. Rested and
woke at 4.30 feeling not
well. Luncheon, [illegible] being
so rich, getting up too much [illegible].
Perhaps a little bit inflammation
in throat. C came up after tea and
we talked pleasantly. She says
Margaret ought come to us.
Read Mrs Meynell's anthology for
Children. Back back with a chill
sleeping in Christina's room. Telephone
from Marguerite. Says had pudding
in dying. C. out with me until

Friday October 26th 1945

[...]d night and felt a little better
[...] morning. Nurse said go no bath
[af]ter breakfast. Brain & temperature
[af]ter was 100 so did not go to
[...]ndon. Tel. fr. Gladis W. Marg
[...]ter engaged to Jimmie Brett;
[...] meat & bread. Bread from
[...]ndon. W. pay envelopes & w. up
[...]ger's book. W. Peter Blix
[...] for while. I had quite an
[a]ppetite. Went partly down after
[...] work about it. Lay considering
[...]ing a bath when doctor came
[...] my temperature was up.
[...]. I still do not feel right.
[...]. came Brian. C. came up
[...] with me. She wanted only
[...] a drink as always but
[...] got through without unpleasant
[...]. I started reading "Glass with
[...] wind". Temperature 98.9
[...]pper a steamed fish and
[...] apples. We always have
[...] pudding so now. C. came up
[...] sat after dinner and gave
[...] at bat. Gave with H. Ward
[...] to consider any family talk
[...]ersonal. To sleep abt. 11.10

SATURDAY Oct. 27

up 8 o'c. Managed a small bath but no hot water in G's bath so she washed in cold. Made up pay envelopes. Read papers in G's room. Dressed and out in sunshine and paid Mrs. Jane C. Humphrey nice friend [illegible]. Back to bed very tired. Slept sitting up & woke in [illegible] sore throat. C. came up to see me, says Alfreda going back to cottage tomorrow. [illegible] here too much. Office phone call fr. Jack Bowman about tree. Slept and woke in perspiration [illegible]. Dr. called. Wants my lungs x rayed at [illegible]. Says Parker all right. Went on reading "Gone wi. Wind" after tea. C. came up to see me. Think we might go to London Mon. C. M. Haskell called up & talked to C. Worked checking Elephant proof. Dinner pheasant & sort of chocolate ice cream. C. came up to see me and we talked of Gone with the Wind. Corrected more Elephant.

SUNDAY Oct 28th

Fairly good night up, shaved
and bath and breakfast about
8 o'c. left G's room and Paxie
and Vicky played on my bed.
Paxie stayed with me all day
until Brian kindly took him
over to Church about 10 o'c.
When it was raining so hard
that Paxie would not go out
himself. Worked on Elephant-
[illegible] read papers. Felt stuffy and
went to sleep. Up and dressed
about 12.45. Had luncheon in
sitting room, got by Mrs Hawk
Paxie and Vicky with me. G. &
Brian & Alfreda and probably
Hamil and Thomas had luncheon
in dining room. I spent afternoon
correcting Elephant p. proofs
[illegible] G. and then [illegible] talked
and rested till dinner time.
[illegible] feel much better. Read
[illegible] the [illegible]. No [illegible]
[illegible] in it. Seemed to [illegible]
[illegible] a vulgar adventuress

MONDAY. Oct 29th 45

Agnes Bevis telephoning to remind me at 7.40. Then went to sleep & slept till 20 to 9. Had hot bath. Breakfast in bed and then tried to sleep but I wanted to, too much as preparation for journey Mrs P. M and the interview with C. Naomi and the argument pressed so on my mind that I lay awake till nearly 5-10. When I may have lost myself for a few minutes. ~~Breakfast in~~ Luncheon in sitting room. C. upset and probably Thomas and Naomi is [illegible] I can't think how it is going to end. W. writes cheques etc. [illegible] came in for a moment. Brief tea & biscuits. Then C & I up to London 4.19 [illegible] Vicky & Naomi. Took Vicky to [illegible] to be [illegible] Then to Dorchester. Dinner in bed.

TUESDAY OCT. 30th '45

[illegible] good night, but [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible] to change [illegible]
[illegible] 7.30 & [illegible] ex. Felt [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] day [illegible]
[illegible] P.O. & Peter. To office about
[illegible] o'c. Long talk with Mr West
and arranged for him to [illegible]
[illegible] his old room on ground
floor and [illegible] it up as com-
fortably as possible with our
[illegible]. Arranged for Mr
[illegible] to [illegible] out [illegible]
[illegible] I can fix it up as [illegible]
[illegible] for me to [illegible] in. [illegible]
[illegible] further matter [illegible]
[illegible] for Cole [illegible]
[illegible]. Talk Miss Meed & decided
to postpone publication of [illegible]
[illegible] until next year [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] back at 5. & [illegible]

WEDNESDAY Oct 31

Woke early and hardly slept again. Did great preparing first - felt terribly tired. Tel. Jean MacCallum has bought a house in Clifton hill St. John's Wood. Office 11.30 talk West & Sabbeen about postponing publication of books till next year which seems pretty that it will be lower. Spent morning dictating to Miss C. [illegible] Lunch Mr Cummins [illegible] Tel to James MacC. Gave him Father's name & address and asked him to try to get news of him in Germany. Made a scene with Paul D. [illegible] Leighton's about [illegible] [illegible] of Royal Newmarket in Greece. Signed letters. Felt very weak - ill. Bath & [illegible] tea - to bed. Sweated & changed & had dinner in bed. C. came back about 7 o'c. Worked evening on [illegible] as usual.

THURSDAY November 1st '45
Felt perhaps a very little stronger
up 7.40 Bath ex. office 10.30
Signed letters, endorsed Chungking
sent away Ohio [illegible] ills [illegible]
[illegible]. Dictated. Day started
sunny but turned misty and
chill. Lunch. Mrs. Tav. Got
travelling clock from Jackson
and pies [illegible] Gothic Revival
book. Call fr. [illegible] he
lost his job at [illegible] being
[illegible] old employee fr. years.
Taxi back to Dorchester
and to bed. Slept till 5 o'c. &
perspired only a little. Up &
dressed & tea in drawing room. Felt
felt weak & ill and went back
to bed. Read novel by Rose
Porter's daughter called Strangers
about a Bavarian family in
Germany during war. Went
under [illegible] got paper [illegible]
story. C. came in about 6.30
after [illegible]. C [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] C. & Gladys W. &
appointment [illegible]. Fenn [illegible]
dinner in bed. G. came up 9.30
and we talked about her day

FRISDAY November 2nd '45

up 7.45. Packed my things
in cupboard to leave
locked till Monday when we
expect to return. Papers
say Hitler certainly dead, shot
himself in mouth. C. went
out at 11 o'c. and I followed
a little later. Before leaving
she had a talk with Bedford
who reports Vicky doing well
so far. Office two. Long
letter to Oliphant & sided
with proofs W. Bevel.
Talk Clifford. Tea at office
Packed horsemeat & books
in case & met 9.5. off train
Slept & did Skrutchard & road.
Margaret & Nannie at Amherst
station from our train and we
all came home in taxi. Peter
and Alfreda at home. ... with
fireworks. Brought Peter's
... Peter showing me
his coat (sports) ... after

Duncan & Sarah ... Ang ...

SATURDAY November 3rd

Paxol came up to see me about 8 o'c after Peter had gone down & opened front door. Breakfast as always breakfast in bed. Dressed and made up crumble pie and paid men. Talk O. Humphreys about cistern pipe and bought her key. Talk Charley about Paxol etc. W. Alex sends £4. for bond etc. Misty day with sun struggling out. Fine in afternoon. Cooked Orish apple crumble - heavy time. After lunch etc. down to wood, paid men & discussed what next with Talk Basil and Maurice next what C. Mughy work to keep. Walk to Craft & waylaid by Anderson & and had a fume about letter back. Then over bargain yet C. at insurance stamps & with Paxol. To bed & slept. Peter out shooting etc. Bram cat & there out. 8 C. Peter & I etc worked on Nicholas's changes. Peter played piano after dinner. Worked & asleep.

SUNDAY November 4th 1945
Peter up early & shot a wild
duck before breakfast & then
went up on downs with pick axe
& spade to excavate tumuli. G.
has very bad sore throat &
cough & cannot go to church as
she had intended as she likes
Mr Stewart so much. Breakfast
together & sat in sitting room by
fire, talking a lot. [illegible] brought
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
wet early but sun came out 11.30
Checked items in Chinese Catalogue
[illegible] Nos. 7-8 [illegible] letter
to Chinese about things [illegible]
not listed. Peter came back
for dinner with bones and bits
of flint. After lunch finished
letter to Chinese and finished letter
spoke to head who enquired
about my cold. Nothing [illegible]
like Mr Fleming. Rested in
bed all afternoon. G. slept &
felt better. Peter had been
photographing and drawing [illegible]
[illegible]. Tea at [illegible] [illegible] worked
on financial accounts before &
after dinner. Finished [illegible]

MONDAY 5th November
woken by Peter getting up
at 6 O'C. Chill misty but fine
cold morning. G. no news
breakfast wi Peter 8.10. He
& G. up to London 9.10
dropped G. at Dorchester and
Peter & I on to Peter Robinsons
where he tried on his new grey
suit. Trousers need to be
shortened. Got coffee for him
at Harris. Sandwiches & black
[illegible] coffee for him
[illegible] note [illegible]
Mr [illegible] & G. [illegible]
[illegible] to see Peter who left
for school when we went
in to lunch. [illegible]
[illegible]. Saw George [illegible]
[illegible] down at [illegible]
& Mrs [illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible] old woman [illegible]
a [illegible] . To 1
[illegible] G. for [illegible].
After [illegible] [illegible] New
[illegible] Sunday [illegible]. Tea
[illegible]. Home 5 O'C & [illegible]. Got
[illegible] downstairs. Talk Mrs [illegible]
[illegible]

TUESDAY Nov. 6. 45

Awake at 6.30 with usual slight pain present. Up 6.55 to office 9.50. C. and 3 letters. W. Long draft letter for Tina Blixen. [illegible] Mrs. C. 5 copy. Copy for [illegible] & effort. 1½ hours [illegible] for [illegible]. Lunch at [illegible] St. Pew. got [illegible] & beans for tea. [illegible] went [illegible] [illegible] of Royal Armament [illegible]. Mr [illegible] [illegible] painter. Worked on adv. that Marilyn wants for Sunday Times [illegible] letter. My throat is slightly sore and I do not feel at all well. Home 5.15 and went to bed about 6 o'c. C came in before 7 and slept - dr. till 7.30. I had dinner in bed and C. went down to the Crick room. She came up to say one after and then went away and talked to Gladys Robertson till about 12 o'c. I worked on Alphabet

WEDNESDAY Nov 7 '45

p 7.40. Felt better [illegible]

[illegible] cough is decidedly [illegible]

[illegible] about 10.30 [illegible]

[illegible] M[illegible] @ [illegible]

[illegible] balance sheet [illegible]

[illegible] @ W. F[illegible]

[illegible] about [illegible]

[illegible] that [illegible]

[illegible] Newman [illegible]

[illegible] in [illegible]

[illegible] at [illegible]

[illegible] who have [illegible] @.

[illegible] yesterday [illegible]

[illegible] and he said [illegible]

[illegible] David [illegible]

[illegible] with [illegible]

[illegible] he was [illegible]

[illegible] at [illegible]

[illegible] so was [illegible]

[illegible] Spain. [illegible]

[illegible] Cot.

[illegible] Bert [illegible]

[illegible] Paid [illegible]

[illegible] worked till 7.50. Dinner.

THURSDAY NOV 8th

Woke 6 o'c. Thought of party
[illegible] of pictures on spelling
[illegible]. Up 6.50. Breakfast
in lobby where for some reason
angered B. Thought my only object
was not to disturb her.
Office 9.50. To Meeting of
[illegible] agreement to buy 197.
Talk Sommers about [illegible] 3.
Call for: [illegible] & approved
Oliphant ills. To Dughter—
[illegible] — Mr Pierce about
making [illegible] for Edwards
[illegible]. Lunch Ath. Waited
long time for [illegible] Bergen —
Mr [illegible] still not well [illegible]
away today. Back to office
[illegible] 4 o'c. & Looked after
[illegible] of [illegible] paper for
Dughter. Tea office. Finished
[illegible] [illegible] selection
[illegible] year [illegible]. Back to flat
& [illegible] 6–8 Dinner Mowry & Cong
Mowry said that at a gathering of
newspaper correspondents Block said
in reply to question where was Stalin, —
"In a mad-house."

FRIDAY November 9th 1945
Up 6.45 Packed my things & ...
supposed to have packed up.
... 10.30. [redacted]. Signed
letter to Lickman solicitors. Call
Mr. James and talked to him most
of morning. He & I went off to pub
to Pat & he went on to bank
... E.C. of ... Helen & ...
Lady George Cholmondeley & ...
... C.C. ... Philip
... nothing of the papers of his.
... brown ... for ...
... a few notes & left for Mrs
... Took brown ... & ...
... home. Taxi & left ...
at ... On to ... Cross
... & got Vicky. Met ... at
Victoria. She had waited 3/4 hour
in front of ... for a ... and was
... Said ... & ...
laughed at her as she ... Clear
back got on bench with her at station
& saw her crying. Nice ...
... carriage ... Vicky. ... and
... was coming ... about
... but put her off when I said.
... nothing at ... Vicky on ...

Mrs. ...

SATURDAY 10th November
up & bath &c. 8.30 & Breakfast
wi. C. 9.45 Call for [illegible]
about mending roof; Tried get
money for . Stores & I made up
[illegible] paid [illegible]. Arranged
wi. [illegible] and [illegible] for letter
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]
after your [illegible] [illegible]. Ellen
about coat [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. I [illegible] to [illegible]
for stamps & beer. Met Mrs.
[illegible] who was quite calm
& said that nothing could be done
about your [illegible] for the present
and I was glad that she had
referred [illegible] to her [illegible].
She referred to other things [illegible]
settlement probably referring to
her claim to our fault [illegible]. I
our land. Spoke to Mr C[illegible]
who told me that [illegible] is now
attending Royal [illegible] [illegible] in
London. After lunch [illegible]
painted [illegible] shed etc and [illegible]
Bonnet. Slept 2.45 – 3. [illegible]
[illegible] slept in 3 [illegible]
[illegible] tea. After [illegible] – after dinner
I worked on accounts etc.

Sunday 11th November 1945
[illegible] [illegible] morning. C. had tel.
[illegible] fr. Pat-Mayh [illegible] at the
[illegible]! Warned others. Mrs
[illegible] got out bedding for me to take
[illegible]. Nannie - [illegible] for
[illegible] Alix's room for later. Explain[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] water
[illegible] among Alix's clothes [illegible]. C.
repeated with gusto. C. [illegible]
[illegible] for Mr Stewart, [illegible]
read paper. Slight [illegible]
[illegible] catarrh. When C. came
back from Church, she & I went to
[illegible] "for a drink" & met Dr
[illegible] who has written a
book on the Trinity, in man = God
[illegible] = [illegible] & [illegible] God
[illegible] = father, Will = Holy Ghost
[illegible] lunch. Out & looked at
walls & boundary [illegible]. Evelyn's garden
[illegible]. To bed and slept till 4.30
[illegible] tea. Talked theology again
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & talk [illegible].
[illegible]. Packed bedding [illegible] - all
[illegible] my bedroom at office. After
dinner, made up Extra expenses
for October. Also [illegible] Malaya
in Sunday Times [illegible]

# MONDAY NOVEMBER 12

up 7 o'c. Asked Charley to
look out for lamp [illegible] I
can [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible]
wanted by purchaser. Got
up to Lambton. Dropped her at
Dorchester and took taxi to
W offices or [illegible]. Made
a good start towards clearing
accumulation on desk. [illegible].
draft letters. Lunch with
[illegible] St. Worked on
different [illegible] and paper [illegible]
[illegible] and checking index.
[illegible] Mongolas who has
[illegible] [illegible]. D. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Back to Dorothy
about 6 o'c. D. just had [illegible]
made her feel sick as all [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] my
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in bed – slept
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
looked well and we had a
pleasant [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] since she stayed at
[illegible] just before [illegible].

TUESDAY November 13th '45
Lovely morning. Walked thro'
Park & took 8 bus at Marble
Arch. Got up at 6.45 & reached
office 9.45. W. drafts letters
from Miss B. to copy. Went in
Frederick [illegible] [illegible] to Mrs
flat - that Mrs Brooks [illegible]
opened for us and brought
[illegible] sample of [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] dress in [illegible]
[illegible] flat that [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] me [illegible]
in [illegible] typist on top floor.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
has been pretty up. The Queen
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
has [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
opening 1st. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Signing letters. [illegible]
[illegible] this morning; he is
going to take care of a [illegible] in
[illegible] belonging to [illegible]
Call for Nadia [illegible] about [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] after dinner [illegible]

WEDNESDAY NOV. 17

Office 10 o'c. James MacC.
[illegible] typing. Spent a
good deal of time talking to
him and Browne. Talked to
Mr Scaffsett and Mr West
about the future of our
London agency for new prop-
osals. Mr W. talks management
W. Balch getting out new
ideas and mentioning [illegible]
Huntington coming to join
the Company. Call for C. on
the way to dinner. We differ
on T[illegible] flat. I had
previously [illegible] the
blankets for divan bed.
Lunch Mrs Tanner. W. draft
letter. Corrected [illegible]
[illegible]. C. came back after
[illegible] and we got her a
taxi. Signed letters & off about
5 o'C. G. having tea in [illegible]
Pat Maple. I went to bed & [illegible]
[illegible]. Dinner 8.20 and talked
to [illegible]. Last night [illegible]
D [illegible] until 1 [illegible]

THURSDAY November 15th.
Packed and took suitcases in taxi to office. Got Oliphant's blocks from Hardcastle. Completed proof and list of illustrations & sent it off to Chiswick Press. Lunch. Mrs. Tav. and to Hopkins & Purvis for Red roof paint. W. Leslie Hartley & Mr Bradley. Tel Carl Goldschmidt's office about Heath Cranton: a client of theirs is thinking of going to them for the publication of a commercial book. Sent off letter to Baileys about Mr Wilst. Unpacked bed. all of blankets and linen & took it there to the laundry for more. Met C. in 6.14 train. Walked thro' coast after Dunkin & found Ellen Swan in next cottage. Joan fat and comfortable, looking like Mrs Goldsmith. All squeezed into taxi. Found Margaret at the house. Got Vicky from Mrs Oliver's and Basil from Charley's. Ellen got in a mile later supper of scrambled eggs. Mixed drink of gin & grape fruit. Very cold. Opened windows read papers.

Friday November 16th
Woke at seven and went
down and went out in
my dressing gown with Paxse
who was Both on the sofa
in North room. Not enough
hot water for 2 baths so
gave mine to E. Read
papers after breakfast
Think it great mistake
not to shave alone bomb
in Russia. Out was men.
Jim busy at work patching
weather boards on old
barn. Looked at tunnel wall
behind tunnel in Chalky.
Read Tania Blixen's Anecdotes
nearly for an hour before
lunch. and all afternoon.
Ellen gave us real good
stewed rabbit and Brown
Betty. Bath after tea. Combed
Paxse after dinner. Fed 5
cock - Paxse beat her.
E.D. Alix Sunday read 1.4.

SATURDAY Nov. 17th

up at 7 o'c. and found Patsi
better, rather fallen in flesh,
he does not like his sleeping quarters
and seems to want to come up to
my bed. No bath. Breakfast
8.30. Jim brought up money
and I made up pay envelopes,
[illegible] Evelyn about home [illegible]
[illegible] Stephen about [illegible] accounts
[illegible] Priestley about [illegible]
[illegible] Henry Haywood stopped [illegible]
[illegible] from building and [illegible]
[illegible] Tried [illegible] [illegible] V.H.
[illegible] Told Charley Wright [illegible]
[illegible] cottage for [illegible]
[illegible] 1 o'c. [illegible]
[illegible] about [illegible]
[illegible] Peter. [illegible] lunch.
[illegible] Started [illegible]
[illegible] but [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] in my chair by fire. [illegible]
[illegible] after tea & then [illegible] before
dinner, after dinner [illegible] in. Patsi [illegible]

Sunday Nov. 18th 1945

Up & bath. Passed out 7.30
Breakfast 9 and sitting down
at once to reading Blixen.
Did not go to Church nor did E.
Evelyn arrived at 12 and afterwards
told me continuous her getting
up our Ambulance Service West-
borough. Then she raised
matter of Lockman years ago and
I said I was very shocked that
she should have taken sides
against me when she spoke to him
& so through [illegible] after hearing
my story. Negotiations back
from London. A whole new
permanent scheme had been arranged
& entirely. She & B. witnessed
all was easy. After lunch I sat
out trying to [illegible] to arrange
breakfast-room. Changes [illegible]
etc. Then read Blixen for the
hours before tea and after.
Bath. Nice supper – then a
good [illegible]. Finished Blixen

MONDAY Nov. 19th '45

woke 4.30 & dozed till 6.30

Dressed & heated bathwater

in electric kettle. Laid [illegible]

morning. Pa[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

after 7 & took him and [illegible] left

him still on my bed. Tried

hard to get [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] for Evelyn's [illegible].

up to London by 8.34 train

Changed cigarettes. [illegible] [illegible]

asked me to [illegible] album [illegible] his

[illegible] party as he cannot [illegible]

[illegible]. Talked [illegible] J. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] his [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]

letters [illegible] M.A.O. [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] M. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] at Mrs [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible].

Signed letters. Home 5.30.

slept in train & felt better [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] after [illegible] [illegible]

Bath. After [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible], [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

TUESDAY Novbr 3

up 9.45. Heater makes
an electric kettle & made
up fire in boiler as I had
a good bath at 7.45. Pat
& Vicky were left [illegible]
in [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] this morning. C. & I
up to London 9.30 gave [illegible]
lift to Wigmore St. dropped
C. [illegible] and [illegible]
office [illegible] [illegible]
w. Draft letter to [illegible] &
[illegible] [illegible] et al. Lunch
[illegible] [illegible] Russell St. Bought
back [illegible] Review [illegible]
Call [illegible] Andrei [illegible] who
had lost his job at Bermans
Call [illegible] Hugh Pemberton who
wants to get into a publishing
firm. Call [illegible] C. [illegible] Andrei
was here. Showed her [illegible]
plan and my new Check
Call [illegible] Whitten about 137 [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

WEDNESDAY Nov. 21 '45

up 6.45 & heated water on
electric kettle. Breakfast 7.45
Foggy morning. Slept in train
— woke me. Sore throat
Eat cakes at Bay Tree on my
way to office. Afternoon to
[illegible] [illegible] fr. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] his suitcase
returning fr. Devon. Settled
down to work on Letters
& Tennis Club. Lunch
Mr. Tao. And afterwards
at [illegible] [illegible] after for
[illegible] [illegible]. Cut off from
bread & cream cheese
and black & white paint
& mix my. [illegible] [illegible]
Terrible fog. Sore throat worse
Home 5.4[illegible] Slept in train.
Sore throat no better during
evening. Did not have a bath
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] paper. After
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
Paste. To bed 11.30

THURSDAY Nov 22nd

Sore throat no better and
in the morning to Doctor
Herne to have marking done to
my chest. Ate bread, cream
cheese, pineapple, [illegible].
Throat better. Gave Mrs C.
draft letter to Alec Stuart.
Kenneth Barnes neither in town.
Call for. Leslie Hartley called.
Lunch Beaux Carlton Grill.
Sound on Russia, like Eden.
Joan Thomas left letter too mad
for typing. Now into Munich.
Back to office getting paint in
Creek St. Tel. Barbara Blakie
No time to finish letter. Draft letter
to Peter. Alec not coming home
for Christmas. Chest cold better
but in nose. Home 5:30. Took
Peter out before dinner and
again late before going to bed.
No bath. Read papers. Listened news
Radio back after dinner. [illegible]

FRIDAY November 23rd.
Wake feeling better. Bath &c.
Breakfast in W.C. 9.30
Call from Clayton about steering
gear engine. Said S-[illegible] would
not popular as he was not
straight. W. 2.00 & Peter paying
his subscription. W. Alec asking
him to luncheon & telephoning
re. to Garrick & ask for tickets.
Soreness has gone & my chest
again. Feel weak. After lunch to
see C. Humphreys at Vauxhall on
small wall. Rested & woke at 4
with soreness down again on my
chest. Tried rubbing it up into the
nose again. Tea & C. Pascoe. Rickey
Bonner's reproduction from Frank &
over Christmas. W. draft business
letters before and after dinner.
Some thought [illegible] perfect [illegible]
down in [illegible] [illegible]
Nannie came home, says everyone
is [illegible] talks [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] they

# SATURDAY Nov. 24

Throat less trumpet.
Stayed in bed no bath.
Paxie came up before
breakfast. Jim brought
back money & stamps and
took Peter's shoes to the
Baron. Read Papers. C.
came up & sat in Peter's
camp stool. Margaret and
will not stay. Stamped cards
C. paid men. Inhaled Friar
Balsam. W. draft business
letter. Lunch in bed. Heard
C. calling Nanny to have
lunch with her. Jack
Bennett said to be rather.
Slept 3-5 Disturbed by
Peter. Continued [illegible]
to sleep. Chest better. Not
even rather asthmatic symptoms
Tea. Closed high window in passage
W. draft letter to Chase re [illegible]
also long draft to Easton re
sobriety. Paxie [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

SUNDAY Nov. 25. '40

Slept well – woke feeling
better. Breakfast in bed.
Read papers. W. drafts letter
to Wheeler Bennett. Listened to
[illegible]. Then [illegible] feeling
[illegible] and down to [illegible]
in sitting room. G. had break-
fast. [illegible] in dining room.
Make up envelope for Mrs
[illegible] my draft-letter & original
and went out to post – then
[illegible] with [illegible] over.
went to bed and slept till
7.30. woke feeling fine. Tea.
After G. [illegible] thanked her good
letter [illegible] the night. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] came up & sat by me
[illegible] fire. Talked (F. [illegible]
Read [illegible] with Vind. W. [illegible]
[illegible]. Fire has been up.
Temp. 99.3 [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Feel much [illegible].
[illegible]. [illegible] came up [illegible]
[illegible] telegraph [illegible].

MONDAY Nov: 26

Bad [illegible] night and felt it this morning. C. [illegible] telephoned with Nannie's [illegible] with [illegible] appointment with May [illegible] Susan. Read papers. [illegible] draft letter to Father Huntington and [illegible] Cushman. May have [illegible] fever. Passed [illegible] before lunch. Scrambled egg, light ale & baked apple. Dozed sitting up and woke at 3 with [illegible] throat and [illegible] of [illegible]. Smoked [illegible] and felt better. No appetite for tea and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Passed with me. Temp 99.10. [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]. Margaret telephoned to Dr Venables. Read [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] Victory

TUESDAY November 27, 1945
[S]lept well and late up 9.30
[illegible]. Breakfast in C. room
[illegible] cold. Back to my rooms
[illegible] papers. Parcel from L. Oliphant
[illegible] [illegible] photo of his family line
[illegible] of his [illegible] Alexander
[illegible] jacket of flat. Nicolle Henderson
back — white or blue? [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] legible. Also photo —
[illegible] of [illegible] Stop yet happened
[illegible] be in per[illegible] [illegible] plot. Answered
No letters to sign for him. C. but
[illegible] typed except. [illegible] on it
all morning. Vicky [illegible]
[illegible]. Dr. Verkerk [illegible].
[illegible] little. Coughed up great
[illegible] of green [illegible]. He wants
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible]. Worked on Blixen. No
[illegible] temp 101.1° [illegible] by
[illegible] fire and [illegible] on my bed
[illegible] [illegible] brought [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in one room. [illegible]
[illegible] Balsam. Worked up the
[illegible] on Blixen works. What
shall he call it?

Wednesday November 28th.
Slept well and felt better.
Still no bath. But I [illegible]
well and general effect pretty
up an strolling outside the 8 feet
lot. Read papers. Then signed
letters that had arrived typed
for Mr C. also cheques. [illegible]
operation in view quite by [illegible]
and started taking his cousin's
medicine. Then went on
with Blixen session. Called
for lunch. C. [illegible] to lu-
[illegible] and Margaret [illegible]
by the [illegible]. [illegible] Blixen
after lunch and then [illegible]
while feeling sick and ill [illegible]
[illegible] for tea. [illegible]
[illegible] day. Finished first
vol. of Blixen. C. returned from
[illegible] visit to [illegible]
who has an awful cough. [illegible]
on [illegible] letter to Tanya [illegible] Blixen
[illegible] in London. Papa [illegible] coming
back today but wants to sleep here).

Thursday. Nov. 29th 1945
[illegible] in night - awoke with [illegible]
[illegible] I thought Peter Lawley [illegible]
at 10 but did not [illegible]
[illegible] him. Met my [illegible]
[illegible] night in my [illegible] pyjamas
[illegible] sometimes at [illegible]
[illegible] stairs and let him out at
1.50. Margaret not get up.
[illegible] Court [illegible] formerly
[illegible] C. out with me after
breakfast & he passed [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] paper. John [illegible]
was [illegible] guilty and was [illegible]
[illegible] death. Looked at letters
from office. James MacC's mother
dying of Cancer. W. Alex.
[illegible] Jabbert [illegible]. D. [illegible]
[illegible] while I was [illegible]
asked for name of Mr. [illegible]
whom he wants for a [illegible]. [illegible]
soon after lunch and [illegible]
[illegible] till nearly 5. Then [illegible]
[illegible]
Better after tea. C. out [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

FRIDAY Nov. 30

Felt a little better and coughed up less mucous. Margaret off to London to take up [illegible] cheques that they forgotten to send. Mrs [illegible] of [illegible] W. Bruce & signed [illegible] to John St. & returned. C. looked for Alex's clock but not in studio. Ellen not [illegible] and C. [illegible] against her. Pietro [illegible] breakfast [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from Alex. Pietro [illegible] and connected electric [illegible]. Had to [illegible] [illegible] on [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]. [illegible] came up & at [illegible] [illegible] on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Called in C. W. [illegible] temp 99.6 Worked on [illegible] [illegible] and after dinner. Margaret got back at 5 o'c after [illegible] day in London. C. [illegible] [illegible]. Found Alex's letter [illegible] [illegible] to Alex. She has [illegible]

SATURDAY 1945 Dec. 1

Awful night of coughing and pain in my back between my shoulders. Made up pay envelopes and stamped cards. C. gave her dinner. I wrote letter to Peter, & told him his father alive. After breakfast dinner for Carter with Norman and Thelma. ... I had lunch and long talk with Jack Barnett about ... . Sent off letters to ... . Rested but coughed too much to sleep. No appetite for tea. Cooked ... . C. had drunk ... No appetite for dinner. ... C. came up to see me. I asked her if ... was getting ... better ... and she ... an acceptance ... from ... the first ... to flatter her, and ... Then ...

SUNDAY December 2nd
Sat up in bed all night wi. down
quilt over my shoulders and
did not cough. Slept fairly well
Mild raining day. Worked on
Blixen. Read papers. E. went to
Church with Bunin and she says
Mr. Stewart preached the best
sermon she has ever heard.
Charley came up to see me. Says the
clock is next in Peter's room.
Told him about Mr. Stewart and he
says that this man preaches badly
about the Holy Communion.
Dr. V. agrees with me about that
Kinsh v. Alix. I left calling up
Tea. Worked on Blixen till
dinner. Started to cough up more
phlegm. Made me feel ill. Temp
99.6 E sat with me for a
minute; then said she was tired
went in with Blixen. Rakel
came up later on and stayed till
dinner. E. came up for a little
Finished Blixen. Part II

MONDAY. Dec. 3rd 1945

[illegible] up again last night and
[illegible] not cough. But [illegible]
and [illegible] my [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] at [illegible] & [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] from my [illegible].
[illegible]. Mr. Cook [illegible]
[illegible] stuff for the [illegible]
came to see me and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible]. C. stayed [illegible] and
[illegible] back with Mr. Taylor
who [illegible] and he [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] as he [illegible] take
[illegible] and C. had a [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] for a [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Mrs. C. W. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] Alexander.

TUESDAY DEC 4th

Perspired a good deal in the night and seemed to feel better after breakfast decided not to smoke at all and simply dozed all the morning. When the doctor came he found my temp 100.4 higher than usual in mornings. Said it is temp. probably due to accumulation of phlegm in my chest and said I ought to try to cough it up. It is quite, but he doesn't know that I might a profession of coughing [illegible] dry [illegible] [illegible] on all [illegible] all afternoon with [illegible] Peter [illegible] in my [illegible] dozing and ashamed slept a little. [illegible] with me after the Temp 101.1 higher than it has been for a week. G. stayed with me a good deal before and after dinner. Felt pretty wretched. Dreaded night

WEDNESDAY Dec 5th 1945

[illegible] night: great [illegible] and. Sweated
[illegible] at first and dried myself
[illegible] and moderately rest [illegible]
[illegible] C. ~ Nennie up to kitchen
[illegible] the day. [illegible] some [illegible],
[illegible] paper: Churchill's [illegible]
[illegible] report [illegible] of
[illegible]ationalization. N[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] confidence
[illegible] of stuff from office. Sent
[illegible] it back and [illegible]
deal with it and how. Told
[illegible] C. to key. Washed up [illegible]
[illegible] and after left about 2.7
[illegible] tried to rest and slept a
little. No appetite for tea. [illegible]
[illegible] bathe [illegible]
[illegible] further [illegible]
[illegible] for John. [illegible]
[illegible] Temp 100.3 [illegible].
[illegible] after [illegible] day. [illegible]
[illegible] Frank S. - Dr. May - as usual
[illegible] rather unresponsive about [illegible]
[illegible] had taken her to chapel. [illegible]
[illegible] and Nanny [illegible] Hampton. [illegible]

Thursday Dec. 6th 1945
Bronchial tract- same day, up
Coughed frightfully 12-1 then
slept till 5. Coughed again &
slept till 7. Then lay here till
8:30 Home made bread from
Mrs Somersett. Read papers
Electric Cooker broken again.
Ellen gone [illegible] & C. made
arrangements like Cora or her
[illegible] front home. C. told Ellen
about Coal. worked on letter
to West [illegible] Read [illegible]
he & James must [illegible] After
lunch finished letter to West.
Coughed so much C. had no
chance to sleep. I dropped off
for a minute when he [illegible]
Vicky stayed on my bed. Then
Cake [illegible] up [illegible] smelly
After tea C. sat with me a little
while. Margaret brought me a lovely
sweet orange. W. [illegible] Read [illegible]
[illegible] W. [illegible] Chequered [illegible]
Tablets [illegible] Smith

[illegible] on Saturday

Friday 7th Dec. 1906
Wake 12.45 in [illegible]
[illegible]. Changed and got
through nights without [illegible]
[illegible] wetting. Much calm
and I dont feel so well. Started
pains in chest – and [illegible]
[illegible] Q. tel. [illegible]
[illegible] of a married couple
[illegible] am [illegible] telegraphed
[illegible] [illegible]
thinks I ought to go to a
nursing home. Read papers
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
d. [illegible]. Rested + slept –
most of afternoon. After tea D
called [illegible] raised question [illegible]
[illegible] a nursing home [illegible]
[illegible] 99.4. Worked on [illegible]. After
dinner tel. fr. Dr. [illegible] engaged [illegible] +
[illegible]. C [illegible] in [illegible] any [illegible]

SATURDAY DEC 8. '45

Better night. Weather turned bright & cold. Feel less ill. Bronchial congestion reduced. A better appetite for breakfast. Letter from [illegible] telling of news from Alya & [illegible] Mimi's [illegible] with [illegible]. [illegible] up [illegible] envelopes and stamped [illegible]. Coat & [illegible] an [illegible] for interview. [illegible] letter [illegible] [illegible]. Mrs. C. engaged [illegible] on Tuesday. [illegible] [illegible]. After lunch [illegible]. Slept till after 4. Tea and Mrs. C. [illegible] to [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] home. Dick Pepper [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] with his wife and children. [illegible] from Muriel Monroe [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] home [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 80 [illegible] America [illegible] [illegible]. Temp. 99. [illegible] and Thomas arrived by car to stay at Cottage. Says [illegible] [illegible] and their friends always [illegible] and [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

SUNDAY. Dec. 9th 45

Good night with only one or two bad coughing bouts and then only little phlegm. Cold bright day. Read papers. C. to Church. Mr S. was not inspired but in less so great liberties with the service. Few people in Church. Worked on Speech and office business. Venables called and wanted me to keep [illegible] nursing home room to go Thursday but I refused. I am practically normal. [illegible] felt ill and her dinner last night [illegible] of their [illegible]. Came up to see me. After luncheon went thro papers & office and wrote them draft letters.

I [illegible] had been [illegible] W. C.

Resting & felt better after tea.

[illegible]

Temp 97.7 Vivien at cottage. C. was

MONDAY Dec. 10th 1945

Good night. Breakfast 8.45. Came across to G. Humphries to start taking down pictures before N. works in there. [illegible] went off duty and [illegible] stopped at C. Humphry [illegible] distemper [illegible] East room. Helen [illegible] baby life down stairs & [illegible] Sydney left in car. Saw Charles [illegible] Xmas tree and [illegible] - [illegible] apple room. Rested for a while. Then W. Mrs C. [illegible] her letter to copy. W. said to [illegible]. Read in paper that the man F. J. Elliot that Chris. wanted me to help had been found [illegible] in [illegible] ... G. said he had telephoned to Brian who said he was [illegible] and Chris too [illegible] made me angry. After lunch rested. Worked on [illegible] and finished after dinner. G. sat with me after dinner and talked mostly about Ellen and Margaret and the Russians. What to do about Louis' teeth?

Tuesday December 11th 1945
Slept well and no coughing & getting well fast again. Read paper after breakfast & telephoned to Mr Went & ...
... drafts letter and final list of ...
... Linus's ... &
he asked for daily ... & ...
... looks pretty ...
... but ... to smaller ...
After lunch Margaret ... Ellen ... Margaret ... to
see ... She has been very ill. ... 4.30 ...
Linus who ... it was ...
... brought ... at 4.30
W. ... Miss E. ... Mr ...
... had bath ... for
dinner. Linus ... Pauls
... N. ... & sat with me after dinner
... Linus ... good ...

WEDNESDAY December 12th
Woke four o'clock and worried
over F[illegible] Simmonds letter
about C. Seems to have gone over
to attitude of pure indulgence.
Slept little after. Breakfast 7.15
C. [illegible] to [illegible]. I felt
very tired and sleepy. Pablo [illegible]
returned from second appointment,
worked on [illegible] a [illegible]. [illegible]
Mr Sanfresoth. W. Alice & Rita
Rosa a bit [illegible]
and [illegible]
I am afraid Mrs Rivers is a
potential home [illegible]. After lunch
started to write a poem for
C.'s birthday. It went badly at
first and I thought I should have
to give it up. Then about 3
it got started but as I had to
stop [illegible] and worked
all this morning I thought
I must rest and I did [illegible]
[illegible]. After tea went on
with the poem. Alice called [illegible]
from [illegible] just before C. came
home. C. spoke [illegible] about
Dr May's treatment. I think
we ought to be happy. [illegible] home
[illegible]. Finished poem.

THURSDAY 13th December 1945

Shift [illegible]. [illegible] @ 3

[illegible] in to his room 8.15

but she does not [illegible]

[illegible] upstairs so she

[illegible] not [illegible] it. But she

did later and [illegible] [illegible] and

[illegible]. Read papers and

[illegible] on [illegible].

[illegible] in [illegible] all [illegible]

[illegible]. Dressed & down for lunch

in sitting room. W. [illegible]

[illegible]. [illegible] up fire in

[illegible]. [illegible] 3.0. Tea

with [illegible] cake. Doctor

called & give me a tonic. He

[illegible] take temp. but I did at

7.0 when it was 99°. [illegible]

in Ray Stay before and after

dinner. Read a little [illegible]

[illegible]. Hot bath just before

settling down for night.

FRIDAY Dec. 14, '45

Woke around about 4 as usual & lay awake in a panic about C. and life in general. From 3, Nanny & Dr. May – all formalities. Slept a bit before 8. After breakfast paid bills. Thought I felt not so well but took a W. Mrs O. returning & Stella the [illegible] for [illegible]. Dawn [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] bed again about 2 o'C. [illegible] a [illegible] accounts for Mrs C. [illegible] [illegible] her sister and slept till [illegible] in bed. C. had a call from the Vicar and [illegible] a letter [illegible] Marty & Shannon. [illegible] [illegible] after [illegible] [illegible] by Mrs Cook and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] after dinner [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

SATURDAY Dec 15th
Good night and felt
better. Bath in morning
first time for weeks!
Read papers and then
made up pay envelopes
[illegible] [illegible] Louise and
walked out [illegible] minutes.
[illegible]. Dinner to [illegible]
in sitting room. C. &
Nannie in dining room.
C. had a pretty [illegible] with
[illegible] about [illegible] [illegible]
Sat afternoon when he went
[illegible]. Talked it over with
Nannie & went to Thomas
home. Rector & [illegible] [illegible] in bed
[illegible] worked on finances.
Personal a/c for Nov. Letter to
[illegible] Somervett to Mrs Cook Garden
[illegible] Committee [illegible] calling [illegible]
After dinner read "Gone with the Wind".

SUNDAY December 16th '45
Woke in the night and brooded
as usual over family situation.
Fear Brian Inoculation is a failure.
She + Dr Mary [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
fall in with G's [illegible] [illegible].
Mild damp day after rainy
night. Bath before breakfast.
Got up soon after + came down
stairs. Read papers + worked on
Ray Gray. Then Gordon Munro
arrived with his mother Mrs Henderson
and her companion Miss Eden. I
talked to the old ladies and G.
took Gordon about. He has great
liking for this place. Showed Betty
to Mrs Henderson who was charmed
with her. By this time sun was
out and the place looked lovely.
Gordon would like to take cottage
at end of Jan and house later.
Lunch in sitting room and G + Nanny
in dining room. G + I talked + I read
about Mosley Fascist meeting in London.
Up to rest at 1-3 o'c. Down for
tea + dinner in dining room.
Drinks before dinner. Corrected Papers

MONDAY December 17th 1945

Slept better after C. & I talked last night of a cottage in Switzerland.
Up early & breakfast in bed
1-50 o'c as Rowdees were going to Southend for the day. It turned out very rainy so they must have had a bad time. Dressed & down by 2.30. Read papers and then spent evening working on Ray's day. Spent a good deal of time on files, sitting room & hall. Rowdees had a good & nice luncheon. Visited by Mrs Blake and Nannie. Put out on tracing paper plans of ..... for Westminster. Bank & send to Buckingham solicitors and returned Conveyance to Bank. Rested in bed. C. could not sleep after too much strong coffee at breakfast. C. & I tea in sitting room. Worked on Ray's day. Brushed and combed Passe. N.W. Binney left by ..... who got home at 9 after a successful day. Finished Ray's day 11.30 P.M.

TUESDAY Dec. 18 '45

Bath & breakfast in bed
down stairs about 10 o'c.
Read papers & then settled
down to w. Ray Hay, Miss
Cook, and Mr West. Peter
arrived before lunch. Just
up from 2 days in bed with
cold. Looks a bit pale &
thin. After lunch he went
down to pond and probably
will get more cold. W.
Ongley's & paid a lot of bills
walked on pier in [illegible]
Christmas tree arrived today.
Tried [illegible] but too much hair
with Peter not here. Dinner [illegible]
[illegible] W. Timmie & told him to
be nice to Bryan & Afterwards when
they come. [illegible] made a
scene at dinner because Q.
asked him to put Nannie's
vegetables on a separate plate
threatened to leave [illegible]

[illegible]

WEDNESDAY Dec 19th

Lewis trying to dress

today. Think he must

have been down the last

night. C. & Nannie chose to

... . Peter went ...

... . ... ... ...

... Betty ... . ... .

... . Molly Berkeley

Peter and I lunch together. Sun

came out and I went for a

little walk to Charley Humphreys

wall on Emmet boundary. Cheerly

well. Slept till tea time. Read &

and dealt with letters from

... + ... . Mrs C. took Nannie

to tea at Tompkinstown. Waited

anxiously for C. and she arrived

safely about 7.15. Lewis had

been nice and attentive all day,

... before dinner. After dinner

... reading ... ... &

... ... ... ... .

... does not seem well.

THURSDAY Dec 20th '45
Up 7.30 & got hot water
myself as Miss Ames not
well. After breakfast tel.
to Arkay about Cook, and felt
exhausted all day. Read papers.
C. tel Pearson agency where she
got Annie from cottage. No
further telephone fr. Morrisses who
answered adv. in W. Sussex Gazette.
They telephoned yesterday morning
and Annie says Mrs. Huntingford
was out. He may also have
said "Place filled". C. W. Coates
phoned 7.8 for cottage, takes
vegetables & wood. Vicky seems
worse. Gave her a drop of brandy
on Annie's advice. After lunch, C
rested a bit and then came down
to listen to Cesar Franck symphony.
I did not rest but C wrote typing
of draft letters. Nanny drawing
[illegible] things fr. office but
[illegible] Salvi [illegible]
etc. After dinner worked out Xmas

Friday December 21st '45
Woke 6.30 & did not sleep
again but good night up to
then. Called 7.45. Breakfast
9 o'C. Mrs Lewis in her very profoundly
badly cooked puddings. Make up
with. Tel. for Tilbury. Peter
to Stamford. W. Sent sending
us £2.10.0 for Xmas & C. the same
walk with Peter up nearly to Tom Pepper's
after lunch read Sheep Together in
New Statesman. C. & I slept went
3 o'C. Down to tea after good sleep
friend caller. W. Taken down for
[illegible] boiler part. After dinner
[illegible] [illegible]. Dealt & Gen.
letters. W. Given 3 [illegible]
Vicky seems better. Peter to bed
early as usual. His cold
does not seem to bother him
but he looks rather dim and
[illegible]: He went out with him for
the afternoon but did not
see anything to shoot. C. slept
[illegible] of evening &

SATURDAY December 22

When Louis called me at 7.40
I asked to have my breakfast made
after I came down so as to have
it fresh. He started arguing but
he always does so. Probably he was
right but I dismissed him
abruptly. But when I came down
he said that he and his wife
would leave today. And what
they did is none of my business. The
last thing was when he went into
the sitting room in Tuxley hat and
muffler and said that Pete called
him a horrible little man.
I sent a telegram to Mrs Morris and she
telephoned in the afternoon that
she will come to stay on Thursday.
Paid men and stamped cards.
Mr [illegible] got lunch and helped
and Thomas arrived before I
had finished. Went in afternoon
with [illegible]. Rested. There
was [illegible] a [illegible] party in
kitchen [illegible] Thomas. [illegible]
me [illegible] sitting room. Read Sibley
in evening before and after dinner
A [illegible] cooked dinner. [illegible]

Sunday December 23rd 1945
Up 6.40 & made up fire
boiler. Had good bath
[illegible] C's was badly O [illegible].
[illegible] I came got my breakfast
7.15 with Peter. He had been
out in rain after duck. At his
breakfast and then wanted [illegible]
better. worked on fires. Looked
at papers. C. to church. I
went for walk in [illegible] with
[illegible] Lovely sunny day. Left
my coat at farm [illegible]. Peter
found sheep & shepherd [illegible]
back for lunch roast beef
cooked by Alfreds & 10 eaten.
after lunch rested. Woken by
phone Mr Buckman asking for
[illegible] address & thank you card.
[illegible] to Vicarage. I got cold &
came home. Drank some whisky
[illegible] by fire resting [illegible]. I
was sick at 3.0 [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] much lunch [illegible] breakfast
[illegible] got dinner & I got [illegible]
[illegible]

MONDAY DEC 24th

up 6:30 built fire in
boiler. C. had bath in my room
& I had good bath later in hers.
After breakfast. C. asked me if I
minded having Thomas in extra
room & I said yes but we should
put up with it. She rushed out
[illegible] and sat with him in hall.
I proposed to go to Ceb's room
but she always [illegible] after
that and [illegible] out of it. My
room w. T. and electric [illegible].
I attempted to fix boiler [illegible] in
the [illegible] got walk in [illegible]
[illegible] Safeway. M. Skeeg[illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible], lost [illegible] &
hunted for [illegible] lost [illegible] [illegible]
Talked [illegible]. Home 1 o'c. [illegible]
C. furious. Said I would be [illegible]
as I [illegible] but I felt all right.
[illegible]: Changed. After lunch. [illegible]
3-5. T. [illegible]. [illegible]. [illegible].
[illegible] bronchial inflammation.
Alfalfa & Ma [illegible] [illegible]
in kitchen - [illegible] for us & [illegible]
& others [illegible] [illegible]. 5 [illegible] [illegible]

Friday Christmas Dec. 25
up 6.30 & built fire in
stove. [illegible] brought turkey
Vernie came down at 7.15
and [illegible] and put turkey
in oven about 8. I went back
to bed and did not get up
till 9. Bath & breakfast.
Washing up. [illegible] Set to church
[illegible] Bevan & Alfreda.
Vicar is a bit [illegible]
[illegible] crazy. Sun out and [illegible]
I went to [illegible] graves. After
lunch talked to Alfreda's [illegible]
[illegible] Mrs Brennan & [illegible]
[illegible] Mrs Farrell who helped
[illegible] turkey. [illegible] Christmas
[illegible] & [illegible] American
[illegible] to [illegible] Turkey delicious
[illegible] between two houses. Drew
[illegible] wrist watch as a token [illegible]
[illegible] & I slept most of afternoon
[illegible] & fixed up my presents. £5
[illegible] [illegible] Alfreda & [illegible]
[illegible] came as [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] tea. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] cottage. I cleaned up [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

Wednesday December 26th
Up 7 & made up fire in kitchen
but- things [illegible] and
could not get warm [illegible] that
soon after breakfast [illegible]
Thomas came over and
L. Cuddy [illegible] kept him in [illegible]
to leave sitting room for me.
I pretended to have time to
do upstairs & tried to rest
partly in my room but too
much noise in hall. [illegible]
down with [illegible] and Emmet
and Elmer flying kite. Could not
find my [illegible] Came home to
[illegible] her book. Very [illegible] to
me. [illegible] before & after
[illegible]. Slept- down for [illegible]
not [illegible] down [illegible] and
[illegible] all [illegible] very [illegible]
[illegible]. E. wants to [illegible] up
[illegible] after [illegible] while they sat [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible] more [illegible]
[illegible] brought [illegible]
[illegible] she [illegible] that
[illegible] either [illegible]
before dinner.

Thursday Dec. 27th 1945

Up 6.30. Built fire in range
and put on kettle, pumped up
hot water heating boiler
[illegible] fire. Charley to sweep for
[illegible] his couple expected this A.M.
Read & finished Huxley's 6th chapter,
before and after breakfast.
Tel. Mrs West & said I expected
to come up tomorrow. [illegible] &
[illegible] with Thomas in [illegible]
like a town without [illegible] but must
learn it for you. Then [illegible]
went where Viola. I saw
Humphrey & told him how to
[illegible] east wall. Walk in town
[illegible]. Passed & met Tom [illegible] &
talked of his old [illegible] better.
2. & I both back by 12.30 to re-
ceive [illegible] but they did not
come & after lunch they telephoned
unable to come. Decided that they
were put off because C. asked for
[illegible]. Peter had taken [illegible]
in his [illegible] & [illegible] on [illegible]
and then found he could not [illegible] it
[illegible]. Then tea. Said hello. Bath. Dressed
for dinner. C & I alone. Peter in cottage

Friday December 25th 45

up 6 3°C rain & wind.
Made fire in heater and then
shaved & dressed. Got my
breakfast and later heated
up Peter's dinner which he
ate clean. Left for station by
Smith jr. Coaches [illegible].
Starting [illegible] for the [illegible]
in town. Cold rain & wind
when I got to London, but
moderated. Got bread & [illegible]
cigarette. Mr Mac G. [illegible]
in [illegible] I was glad & [illegible]
but [illegible] out for me. Letter
from Tanis. Long talk [illegible]
and agreed in [illegible]. Lunch
[illegible] which [illegible] Mr [illegible]
& his [illegible] with [illegible] Tanis.
P.M. [illegible] letters to Tanis
and R. [illegible]. Tel. [illegible]
from S. 4. Bath. G. called up
and said they had made me a [illegible]
drink and I said I didn't want
any [illegible]. Got [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

SATURDAY Dec. 29th [illegible]

up 7 o'c made up fire in Studio

[illegible] had a tepid bath and g-

-ot on at 9. Made up

[illegible]. Looked at coal bin

[illegible] coming day. Got stamps

[illegible] money in Village. Wrote [illegible]

envelopes & paid bills. E. & [illegible]

[illegible] in car with neighbors & I

[illegible] on errands with [illegible],

back late. [illegible]

[illegible] for [illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible] and then half nap in

chair by fire. Fox came [illegible]

[illegible] a cellar [illegible]

[illegible] staying at Castle [illegible]

[illegible] Christopher [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] made very nice

stuffed potatoes for dinner

[illegible] came over to neighbors

[illegible] would not eat until after

[illegible] when I made him a

[illegible] toasted brown bread

[illegible] meat

SUNDAY Dec 30th 1940

up 6-30 [illegible] in [illegible]
dead [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
1 up to [illegible] for C to phone
a [illegible] bath at 9 o'C
worked on something. C. went to
Church and I went on walking
then down to Black Horse
& got a quart of draught ale
No bottled ale available.
Mr. [illegible] let me have it
at 11.50 though bar not
open till 12. Then Pass[illegible]
for walk on downs. Met
Robbie Sturgeon & his wife
out [illegible]. Golden retriever [illegible]
back to lunch [illegible] [illegible]
eating [illegible] us & B [illegible]
[illegible] at sideboard. Put
up stakes and cards to show
where I want wall built
for C. Humphrey. Rested
after tea & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] asked him [illegible] at [illegible]

[illegible]

MONDAY Dec 31 1945

to 70°C. Built fire in
boiler. C & I up to Lunch
1.10. Took her to hair-dresser
& left luggage Dorchester &
went to office. Dictated a few
letters. Lunch Garrick
Geoffrey Russell. Got copy
of "Strips" at D ents for
Peter. To Briggs for Umbr.
but nothing there. Got plain
watch one for C. at Benn
Oxford St. Back to
office 4 o'C. Signed letters.
Talk J. MacG. Down to
Dorchester 5.30. in taxi taking
out cases. C having tea in
her room. Unpacked and
went to bed. Slept 20 minutes
& was almost impossible to
get up. Slight headache and
sore throat. Crowded Grill room
restaurant. C and 2 pillows &
New Years Eve dinner.
sore throat worse but did not dance

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## Letters

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| Jan 8. | James MacGibbon | | | |
| " 11 | Helen Granville Barker | | | |
| Mar. 16 | Courtenay | | | |
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| " 29 | Helen Granville Barker | | | |
| Apr 12 | Rory Cameron | | | |
| 20 | Cousin Georgie | | | |
| May 1 | David Huntington | | | |
| 2 | Billy Huntington | | | |
| Jun 7 | Lady Norman | | | |
| July 6 | J. L. H | | | |
| 6 | Margaret Hodson | | | |
| 7 | Rita | | | |
| 8 | Louise Broadwood | | | |
| 12 | Martyn Skinner | | | |
| 25 | Cecilia | | | |
| Aug 21 | P.C's to Ivor Thomas, & Granville Barker | | | |

Bedlington Terrier

Mrs Burt advises no pork no potatoes but Mr Hill says potatoes are all right. Comb, brush, and clean ears every morning. For ears wind cotton wool round orange stick - dip in surgical spirit & warm water

Blair's bag 20 × 15

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